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In this photo provided Oct. 25, 2010, by the Daviess County Sheriff's Department is Carlos Sarmiento, one of three men being sought by authorities after they crawled under a fence to get out of the Daviess/DeKalb County jail in Pattonsburg, Mo. Sarmiento was convicted in September for first-degree murder.

(AP Photo/Daviess County Sheriff)

## Convicted murderer, 2 others, escape Mo. jail

PATTONSBURG, Mo. — Three inmates, including a convicted murderer, escaped from a northwest Missouri jail by crawling under a fence, leading authorities to lock down the surrounding community's school and to go door-to-door warning residents.

The inmates made their break Sunday night from the Daviess/DeKalb County jail in Pattonsburg wearing orange prison jumpsuits and no shoes, authorities said Monday.

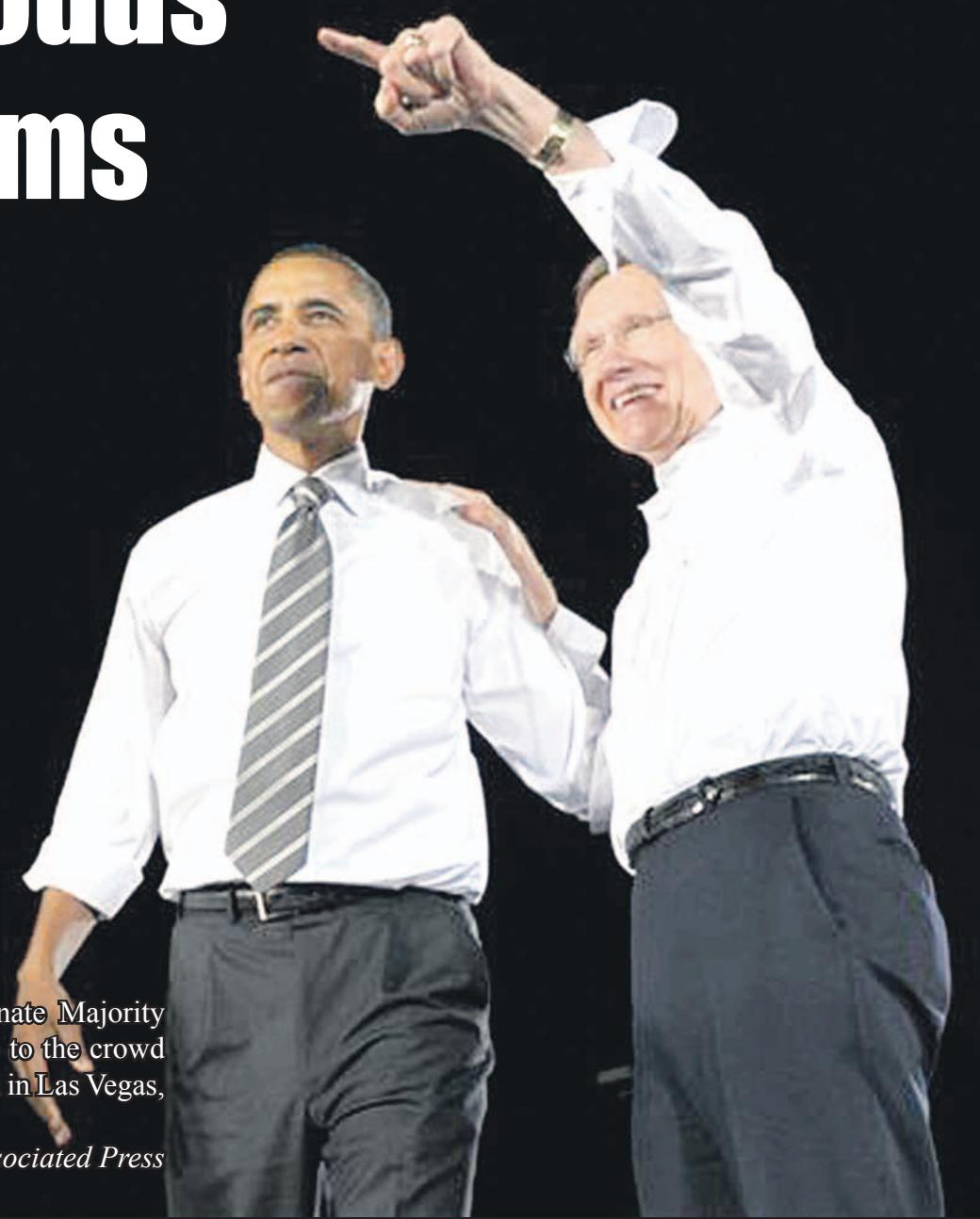
In Pattonsburg, a city of 260 residents 75 miles north of Kansas City, the lone school was locked down Monday and members of the fire department were sent door-to-door to tell residents to be vigilant.

"I don't normally lock my doors, but I am now. I'm sure everybody is," said Karen Shepherd, the city clerk.

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## Dark clouds for Dems



President Barack Obama and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., wave to the crowd during a rally at Orr Middle School in Las Vegas, Friday, Oct. 22, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Obama embarks on last push

By DAVID ESPO,  
AP Special Correspondent

WOONSOCKET, R.I. — President Barack Obama plunged into a final week of midterm election campaigning Monday, his party's prognosis darkened by a feeble economy and his itinerary stitched together to minimize losses to resurgent Republicans.

Nor was his greeting totally friendly in Rhode Island where

Obama has pointedly declined to endorse his party's candidate for governor.

Obama can "take his endorsement and shove it," declared Democrat Frank Caprio, battling Republican-turned-independent Lincoln Chafee in a gubernatorial race rated tight in the polls. Chafee endorsed Obama during the 2008 campaign for the White House.

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## Canadian at Gitmo pleads guilty to all charges

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Associated Press

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NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP)

— A Canadian accused of killing an American soldier as a teenage al-Qaida militant pleaded guilty Monday as part of a deal that avoids a

war crimes trial for someone labeled a "child soldier" by his defenders.

Omar Khadr pleaded to five charges including murder for throwing a grenade that mortally wounded the soldier during a fierce raid on an al-Qaida compound

in Afghanistan in 2002. The now 24-year-old defendant also admitted to planting improvised explosive devices and receiving weapons training from the terrorist network.

The exact terms of the plea agreement were not

immediately disclosed. Khadr will now face a military jury for a sentencing hearing that is expected to last several days. The panel cannot impose a sentence more severe than the plea agreement.

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# As bedbugs creep out NYC, tourists crawl away



NEW YORK — New York City's bedbugs have climbed out of bed and marched into landmarks like the Empire State Building, Bloomingdale's and Lincoln Center, causing fresh anxiety among tourists who are canceling Big Apple vacations planned for the height of the holiday season.

Some travelers who had arranged trips to New York say they are creeped out about staying in hotels and visiting attractions as new reports of bedbugs seem to pop up every few days. And officials in Mayor Michael Bloomberg's administration are concerned

about the effect on the city's image and \$30 billion tourism industry.

The discoveries of pests at high-profile places are often not full-blown infestations, or even in public areas. Bloomingdale's reported finding exactly one bug in the famous department store, the Empire State Building had them in the basement and Lincoln Center's were in a dressing room.

But those reports, along with bedbug discoveries in movie theaters, hotels and clothing chain stores, are causing skittish travelers to call off trips planned months ago.

Industry professionals who have privately told city officials that they are nervous about bedbugs hurting New York's reputation say publicly that they are not aware of any bedbug-related cancellations. But several would-be tourists tracked down by The Associated Press say they are aborting their trips here because they fear the bloodsucking pests.

"It sounds like you can get them anywhere, any time of day and not know it until you get home," said Patty Majerik, from Baltimore.

She said she may not travel to Manhattan next month with her children, ages 7 and 10, like they do every year around the holidays to shop, catch a Broadway show and see the Radio City Christmas show.

"I've got four people traveling on a train, in cabs, going to stores and theaters, and they could be in any of these places? I hate to say it, but I doubt we're going to come this time," Majerik said.

Suzanne Baldwin said she is forfeiting money spent on reservations for a November trip to New York City from her home in Florida. She had already grown accustomed to checking hotel rooms for bedbugs and has done so in New York before but she is now overwhelmed at the idea that the bugs have spread beyond hotels.

"We thought long and hard about this trip," she told the AP in an e-mail. "However, we decided, knowing we would lose quite a bit of money from nonrefundable tickets, it was not worth the worry."

Susannah Johnston, a yoga teacher who lives in the New York City suburbs, said that she and her husband wanted to stay overnight in Manhattan last weekend after attending a late concert, but that bedbugs thwarted their plans.

"We started researching hotels and prices, and then we read the reviews," she said. "Every one of the hotels we were considering had a guest horror

story regarding bedbugs."

Bloomberg said Monday he was concerned about the effect of bedbug hysteria on the city's reputation.

"You don't want anything that would dissuade people from coming here," he told reporters. "Hopefully these things come and go, and this will go quickly."

Sightings of the rust-colored bugs, about the size of an apple seed, have surged in New York and around the nation in recent years. It is not known what caused their sudden spread, but experts have theorized that an increase in global travel and the banning of certain pesticides may be partly responsible.

Bedbugs are famously difficult to eradicate; they hide in many more places than beds and can go a year without feeding. Bloomberg recently joked on David Letterman's "Late Show" that bedbugs "are probably tougher" than New York City's notoriously hardy rats. □

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## ESCAPE

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The school, which serves 170 students from kindergarten through high school, locked its doors Monday, canceled recess and was only allowing students outside if accompanied by an adult.

The Daviess County Sheriff's Department issued a news release about the escape that provided few details about how the men managed to evade detection while slipping under the fence. A person who answered the phone at the sheriff's office on Monday said the sheriff was out on the investigation and unavailable for comment.

Among the escaped convicts was 57-year-old Carlos Sarmiento, who was awaiting sentencing after being convicted of first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of his roommate, Lance L. Davis. Prosecutors say Sarmiento beat Davis to death with a 16-ounce claw hammer. His body was found at the men's home in Jamesport in February 2009.

Daviess County prosecutor Annie Gibson said a motive for the attack was never clear. She said Sarmiento first admitted to the crime, then said he didn't do it. A jury found him guilty Sept. 15.

The other escaped convicts were 26-year-old Nicholas D. McCleary and 34-year-old Timothy J. Baudour. McCleary, of Rayville, Mo., was first convicted of property damage, then a previous jail escape. Baudour, of Mexico, Mo., was convicted of assault. Sarmiento is described as Hispanic, 5-feet-9 inches, 140 pounds with brown hair. He has a tattoo with Spanish words on his right arm and a woman's head with a sombrero tattooed on his left arm. □

## Study reveals risky sex behavior among NYC teens

NEW YORK — Nearly one-tenth of sexually active New York City high school students say they have had at least one same-sex partner, and teens who say they've had sexual contact with both sexes report higher-than-average rates of dating violence, forced sex and risky sexual behavior, a new study says.

The study published Monday in the journal Pediatrics analyzed 17,220 public health surveys and found that more than a third of teens who had same-sex encounters identified themselves as straight. Advocates said the results point to the need for public health messages to target behavior, not identity.

It's troubling, though not surprising, that the youths who reported encounters with both sexes also had higher rates of risky behavior and violence, said Dr. Susan Blank, assistant commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "It has been shown in the literature that students who have both male and female partners have a lot of adverse health problems," she said.

The report is based on surveys administered in New York City high schools in 2005 and 2007. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is distributed every two years by the health department to a representative sampling of city high schools.

Of the students who completed the survey, 7,261 said they had had sexual intercourse. The survey asked questions including the number of sex partners in the teen's lifetime, as well as in the previous three

months, and whether there was a history of forced sex or dating violence.

Among the sexually active males, 93.1 percent said they had had sexual contact only with female partners, 3.2 percent said they'd had contact only with other males, and 3.7 percent said they'd had both male and female partners.

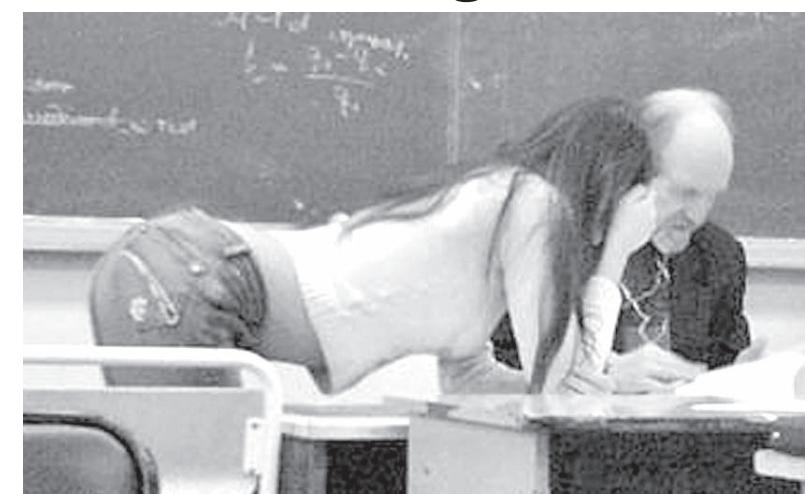
Among the sexually active females, 88.1 percent said they'd had sex only with males, 3.2 percent said they'd had only female partners and 8.7 percent said they'd had partners of both sexes.

Of all the sexually active teens, 9.3 percent reported at least one same-sex partner. Study author Preeti Pathela, a research scientist at the health department, said that there are no comparable national numbers but that other states have reported lower numbers of teens who have had partners of the same or both sexes.

Students also were asked whether they considered themselves straight, gay or lesbian, bisexual, or "not sure." Of the teens with at least one same-sex partner, 38.9 percent answered "heterosexual or straight."

Other studies have shown a similar divergence between behavior and sexual identity, but Blank said this study provides a reminder that "our public health prevention messages really need to look at behavior, not identity."

The study found that teens who reported partners of both sexes also reported higher-than-average rates of risky sexual practices, such as not using a condom during intercourse, as well as higher rates of partner violence and forced sex.



Of the girls with both male and female partners, 35.8 percent said they had experienced dating violence in the previous year. Of the boys with both male and female partners, 34.8 percent reported it in the previous year. Far lower percentages of teens with only male or only female partners answered yes to the question about dating violence. Of the males who reported both male and female partners, just 44.1 percent said they'd used a condom during their last sexual encounter.

The percentages for condom use during their last sex were 79.8 for males with only female partners and 62.3 for males with only same-sex partners.

Laura Lindberg, senior research associate at the Guttmacher Institute, which focuses on sexual and reproductive health issues, said the teens with male and female partners "are obviously facing challenges."

"These are kids in New York City where there's more awareness and perhaps acceptance of non-heterosexual behavior, and

you're still finding such high reports of risk behavior and violence," Lindberg said.

Thomas Krever, executive director of the Hetrick-Martin Institute, a youth advocacy organization that runs an alternative high school for gay teens in New York City, said the survey results did not surprise him.

Many teens with partners of both sexes lack supportive adults and peers in their lives and may experience depression because social stigma, Krever said.

"Young people who are exhibiting characteristics of depression and lower self-worth can indeed place themselves in more risky situations including risky sexual practices," he said. Blank, who heads the health department's efforts to fight sexually transmitted diseases, said teens need to get the message that help is available.

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# NJ weighs new bullying laws after Rutgers suicide



TRENTON, N.J. — New Jersey lawmakers introduced an “anti-bullying bill of rights” Monday that one advocate said would be the toughest state law of its kind in the nation, a proposal that follows the widely publicized suicide of

a Rutgers University student who was humiliated online. The proposal was introduced by a bipartisan group of legislators and advocates and seeks to augment laws New Jersey passed eight years ago. It would require anti-bullying programs in public

K-12 schools and language in college codes of conduct to address bullying.

State Sen. Barbara Buono, a Democrat from Metuchen who was one of the main sponsors of the 2002 law, said she has learned since then how prevalent bullying is as parents of tormented children have called her office. The original law only encouraged anti-bullying programs and wasn’t doing enough, she said.

“It’s approaching 2011, and it’s unfortunate that we’re legislating things like this,” said State Sen. President Stephen Sweeney, a Democrat from West Deptford.

Nearly every state now has some kind of law seeking to prevent or deal with bullying in school. Such laws began appearing after two students believed to be seeking revenge for being bullied killed 13 people and themselves at Colorado’s Columbine High School in 1999.

The proposed New Jersey legislation, though it’s been months in the making, was introduced after a

nationwide wave of suicides by teenagers who were tormented because it was believed they were gay.

The most visible was last month in New Jersey when 18-year-old Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River after his roommate allegedly secretly webcast Clementi’s dorm-room tryst with a man. The roommate and another student are charged with invasion of privacy, and authorities are considering whether a hate-crime charge is merited.

In a news conference Monday organized in part by Garden State Equality, the state’s biggest gay rights group, parents of gay teens who face bullying told heartfelt stories.

They included David Zimmer, of Ridgewood, who said his 16-year-old son is taking most of his classes online rather than face the students who call him “fat faggot” and the school officials he said haven’t always done enough about it. It’s not just gay students who are targeted.

Stella Serpa, now 37, an Army veteran and administrative caregiver at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, recalled how she was tormented as a child because her mom was poor, then as a high school student for her thick glasses and thin physique. Twenty years later, her eyes welled up as she remembered hearing other girls call her “surfboard” and throw their bras at her in the locker room.

The memories of those years have been strong lately. “I come across the George Washington Bridge every

day on my commute,” said Serpa, who lives in Fort Lee. “And to think of a young man standing out there on that bridge on the brink of emotional helplessness and taking a dive into the Hudson, yeah, it has had an impact on me.”

Serpa said the only thing that kept her going as a teen was a belief that she could get into college and lead a better life.

The bill’s provisions include requiring public school staff to be trained in suicide prevention and how to deal with harassment, intimidation and bullying.

Bullying prevention programs would be required of schools. Currently, most New Jersey schools have them, but they are only encouraged not required. Schools would have to form safety teams that would shape policies and review how bullying is handled.

Even public colleges and universities would be affected by a requirement for an anti-bullying policy and enforcement mechanism in student-conduct codes.

State Sen. Diane Allen, a Republican from Edgewater Park, said one important feature is that school websites would have to clarify who’s in charge of the bullying policies. Right now, she said, it can be hard for parents to determine that.

Michael Drewniak, a spokesman for Gov. Chris Christie, said the administration would look at the bill if it’s passed and given its bipartisan sponsors, that seems likely. While Christie hasn’t commented on the bill, he did express sympathy to Clementi’s parents and anger over the circumstances of the suicide. □



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In a little more than five hours in the state, Obama was booked for a factory tour and for a pair of fundraisers that party officials said would bring in \$500,000.

Visiting a company that makes buckles and straps for outdoor and travel gear, he said he and the Democrats in Congress have cut taxes 16 times in 20 months. Republicans "talk a good game" when it comes to tax cuts, he said, but in fact they opposed several bills he labored to get passed.

"It's not enough to just play politics," he said. "You can't focus on the next election. You've got to focus on the next generation."

Democrats relied on more than the president's time to boost their chances in the final days of the campaign. There was the matter of federal funds, too, in the form of hundreds of millions in grants announced during the day to provide high speed rail service in California, between Chicago and Iowa, and elsewhere. Administration officials left it to Democratic lawmakers to make the announcements, and they did, stressing the job-creating potential of the expansions.

Eight days before the election, the principal uncertainty concerned the size and scope of anticipated Democratic losses in the House, the Senate, governor's races and state legislatures.

An Associated Press-GfK Poll showed that perhaps one-third of all voters have yet to firmly settle on their choices. But that wasn't encouraging for the Democrats, either. Some 45 percent of them prefer the

Republican candidate for the House, and 38 percent like the Democrat.

The president arrived as official figures showed more than 6.5 million ballots already have been cast in the 25 states where early voting is permitted or where absentees have been counted, underscoring the importance of get-out-the-vote programs that now begin long before Election Day.

Democrats have invested heavily in such efforts and are counting on them to help tip close races their way in states like Nevada, where Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid faces tea party-backed challenger Sharron Angle. Republicans are counting on campaign enthusiasm — polls agree their voters are more eager to cast ballots than Democrats — as well as their own get-out-the-vote efforts. Even Democrats concede Republicans are poised for significant gains in Congress, and GOP officials are particularly optimistic about their chances for taking control of the House.

Based on opinion polls and the private assessments of strategists in both parties, it appears Republicans have effectively secured about two dozen of the 40 seats they need to win control of the House. That leaves dozens of seats where races are competitive in the House and a half-dozen or so in the Senate. Republicans also look for statehouse gains. Obama's choice of Rhode Island for his one-day trip was partially to raise money for Democratic House candidates elsewhere in the country. Officials said the \$500,000 would be split between

Providence Mayor David Cicilline, who is running for the House, and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

The state has two House seats, one held by Democratic Rep. James Langevin, an incumbent in no apparent difficulty; the other being vacated by Democratic Rep. Patrick Kennedy. There, Cicilline is running against Republican John Loughlin in a heavily Democratic state.

Caprio called Obama's rebuff "Washington insider politics at its worst." Rhode Island's congressional delegation expressed disapproval about Caprio's remarks, but the executive director of the Democratic Governors Association said the president's decision was disappointing.

"Frank Caprio has spent his career fighting for the values of the Democratic Party. He deserves the full support of our party and its leaders," said executive director Nathan Daschle.

If anything, the White House made it clearer that Caprio will not get Obama's endorsement. "Out of respect for his friend Lincoln Chafee, the president decided not to get involved in this race," said White House spokesman Bill Burton. It was the first time the White House had cited Chafee as the reason for Obama's non-endorsement of a Democrat.

White House aides also arranged for Obama to tour a factory as part of a campaign-long effort to showcase efforts by his administration and the Democratic-controlled Congress to assist small businesses. In a conference call to reporters on Sunday

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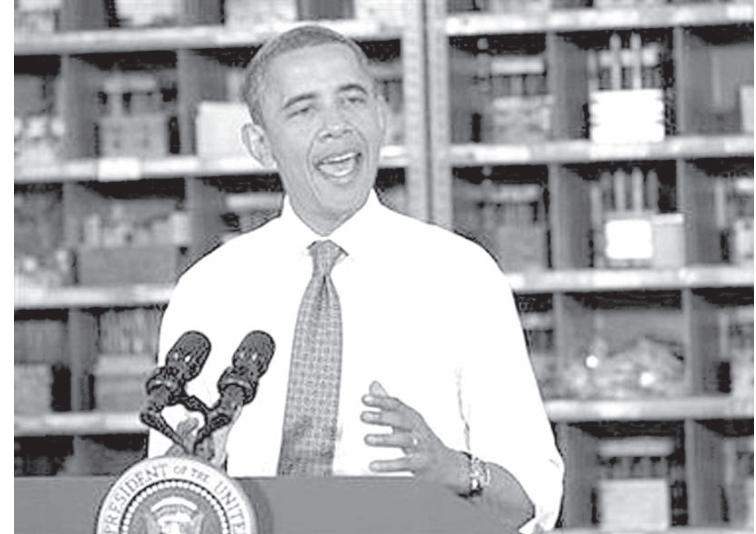
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**U.S. President Barack Obama speaks after touring the facilities of American Cord & Webbing in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, October 25, 2010.**

to get what they want," Kerry wrote.

Obama was returning to the White House for a few days before resuming campaigning at week's end. His itinerary then will include Bridgeport, Conn., where party officials are hoping he can mobilize African-Americans whose votes are needed in races for the Senate and governor, as well as a re-election bid by Democratic Rep. Jim Himes.

Obama also will campaign in Pennsylvania, where polls show Rep. Joe Sestak in a close race with Republican Pat Toomey — for a Senate seat that Democrats currently hold. Similarly, there are numerous Democratic-held House seats in the state that Obama is working to hold.

Later stops are in Ohio, where Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland is struggling to win a new term against Republican challenger John Kasich, and the president's home state of Illinois, where polls show both a Senate seat and the governor's office are in danger of falling to the Republicans. □

# Activists: Mormon beliefs factor in LGBT struggles

SALT LAKE CITY – Ben Jarvis has heard a lot of coming out stories.

For the past 15 years, the southern California-based urban planner has been answering a hotline number for Mormons struggling with their sexual identity. Jarvis, a volunteer for Affirmation, a support group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Mormons, estimates he's talked to as many as 3,000 people.

Many of them are "deathly afraid," their secret will be discovered by friends, family, or members of their Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints congregations, he said. In a faith where the traditional family is deeply woven into theology and where there is seemingly no line between religion and culture, the potential losses for LGBT Mormons who come out can be devastating, Jarvis and others say.

"There are so many great things about Mormon culture and the LDS church, but it is not a safe place for gay and lesbian people," said Jarvis, 42, a seventh-generation Mormon who came out in 1993 and has since left the church.

Some gay rights activists say the timing and content of an Oct. 3 sermon by Elder Boyd K. Packer, the second-highest ranking church leader, that denounced homosexual attraction as unnatural and immoral only exacerbated the troubled relationship. Packer suggested gays could change their orientation with enough faith.

His remarks came in the wake of the national furor over a Rutgers University freshman jumping to his death off New York's George Washington Bridge after his roommate secretly filmed him during a "sexual encounter" in his dorm room and posted it live on the Internet.

The student was not Mormon, but Utah's gay rights activists, some with roots in Mormonism, were quick to draw a connection to their own situation. They say the painful isolation that some LGBT individuals



experience can lead to suicide. Anecdotes about the suicides of gay Mormons from Affirmation's website, posts on the PrideinUtah blog and other sites seem to support the contention.

"It's an enormous problem, especially in Utah," said Eric Ethington, who runs the PrideinUtah blog.

Mormon church officials take issue with the characterizations made by gay rights activists.

"It is disappointing when some try to use an emotional issue such as suicide to misrepresent the role of the church in the lives of its members," said Mormon church spokesperson Kim Farah, in response to Ethington.

"The causes of suicide are many and complex and touch many levels of society. No one understands what ultimately leads someone to take this action but all can agree that even one loss of life is a tragedy."

Ethington led some 4,500 black-clad activists in a silent protest of Packer's sermon outside the church's downtown Salt Lake City headquarters.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights organization, lobbied the church for a retraction of what it called inaccurate and hurtful remarks in a petition signed by 150,000 of its members and supporters. Some critics said Packer's

words were dangerous in light of at least four known September suicides by young men across the country, including the New York case, following reported incidents of anti-gay bullying.

In a rare response, church leaders called the deaths tragic and said the faith joins others "in unreserved condemnation of acts of cruelty, or attempts to belittle or mock any group or individual that is different." Speaking on behalf of church leaders, spokesman Michael Otterson also said "each Latter-day Saint family and individual should carefully reconsider whether their attitudes and actions toward others properly reflect Jesus Christ's second great commandment to love one another."

Like many faiths, Mormonism teaches that any sex outside of marriage is a sin and the church defines marriage as only being between a man and a woman. Families are considered part of God's plan, under church doctrine, and are eternal institutions that extend into the afterlife.

In decades past, church leaders had preached that homosexual feelings were a sin and sometimes ordered up prescriptions of vigilant prayer, marriage or reparative therapy to resist or reverse those feelings.

The rhetoric has softened since the 1990s, although the church

from any number of other faiths.

"I think part of what it tends to be is that when you have more rigid, doctrinaire affiliations, that rigidity leaves parents and children locked into few options," said Struve.

Many members of conservative religions get much of their parenting guidance from faith leaders, Struve said.

"For LDS youth, it's not just losing your faith, it's losing a cultural connection, which can seem more desperate," he said. "When you read the obituaries and see those young faces, you would never know which were accidental deaths and which were suicides, because there's no mention of it. I'm always left wondering."

Although there's no hard data directly linking faith and suicide, a survey by the Public Religion Research Institute conducted with the Religion News Service found that 65 percent of 1,010 respondents believe messages from the pulpits of American churches contribute.

The survey, conducted Oct. 14-17, has margin of error of 3 percentage points. Survey data posted on the institute website did not specify denominations, nor indicate whether Mormons were polled.

The Massachusetts based Suicide Prevention Resource Center cites suicide as the leading cause of death for LBGT youth. Utah's suicide rates 34.5 suicide deaths for every 100,000 persons in 2008 are among the highest in the nation, particularly among young men between the ages of 18 and 24.

An ongoing, first-of-its-kind, family acceptance study by San Francisco State University researcher Caitlin Ryan has found LGBT youth are eight times more likely to attempt suicide if they experience rejection from their parents, including being excluded from family activities, expressions of shame, keeping a child's sexual orientation secret or engaging in verbal or physical abuse. □

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"Joining the Hyatt Regency Aruba team again is professionally and personally meaningful to me, as my passion for Hyatt was cultivated at this resort," said Fred Hoffmann. "Following the recent renovations and new focus on cuisine, I look forward to carrying the property to the next level of excellence. I also look forward strengthening bonds between the resort and local community."

"We are pleased to have Mr. Hoffmann back at Hyatt Regency Aruba as his strong hospitality background, experience with Caribbean properties and familiarity with Aruba make him an ideal leader for the resort," said Carlos Cabrera, Senior Vice President, Resort Field Operations for Hyatt Hotels & Resorts. Mr. Hoffmann is a native of the Netherlands who received his Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality Management from De Kogge Hotel, Catering & Management School in Amsterdam. □

## Hip Hip Hooray Aruba's airport celebrated the 55th year with the name of her majesty Queen Beatrix



ORANJESTAD - On October 22, 2010, it was exactly 55 years ago that the airport of Aruba received the name of her majesty Princess Beatrix (back then) which later became Queen Beatrix.

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without commemorating this very special day and as we are an international airport within the Dutch Kingdom the passengers that travelled in the morning of this anniversary day were surprised with export product no.

1 of the Dutch Kingdom: (Dutch Baby Belle) cheese.

## Renaissance Marketplace is Halloween Central for Kids & Adults

ORANJESTAD - Last year Renaissance Marketplace and its many stores, boutiques and restaurants, as well as The Cinemas, made a name for themselves with a Halloween event that was second to none, and worth repeating.

On October 30, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. the popular shopping, dining and entertainment open air Mall is once again organizing a grand costume party for kids. All children are invited to wear their favorite costumes and come to the Marketplace to enjoy Zumba for kids, a dance show by youth group Pierewietje, making drawings and crafts. The

Marketplace's famous Trick or Treat tour is to be enjoyed at each child's own pace – all treats, no tricks!

Adding to the excitement, Renaissance Marketplace judges will be watching closely to choose the winners of their costume contest. Kids wearing the cutest, scariest and the most creative costumes will receive nice gifts.

Without any doubt, Renaissance Marketplace is where locals and tourists of all ages go for fun and this All Hallow's Eve is no different. Activities for the children ones are followed by more fun for the entire family and especially for the adults,



from 7 o'clock onwards with live music by Los Intokables, Click and On Cue.

All restaurants and lounges will also offer specials for a perfect Halloween celebration with the amazing Aruban "ambiente."

"Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the Halloween weekend with us! And...don't forget to claim your tickets for the Island Extravaganza campaign, offering attractive prizes, including a brand new 2011 Suzuki Grand Vitara," an enthusiastic Zugheila Lindeborg concludes. □

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## Ins & outs of wines at the Hyatt 'California Harvest Wine Dinner'



PALM BEACH - The upcoming elegant dinner at the Hyatt Regency Resort is creating a buzz: the excitement for the event on Thursday, October 28 is building. Chef Victor Litkewycz has come up with a spectacular menu: he got his inspiration from a line-up of superb Kendall-Jackson wines and Jackson

Estate wines. In this article we would like to highlight the wines which will be poured – they more than deserve to be in the spotlight.

At the 'al fresco' cocktail party in the lobby bar of the resort, a varietal of Kendall Jackson wines are poured.

As the appetizer is served, a hand harvested diver scallop

with hearts of palm puree, a Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc, Sonoma County, will fill up the Riedel wine glasses, providing a soft, honeyed taste with its tropical fruit flavors with an overtone of lemon and mandarin. The second appetizer, a yellowtail tuna with shaved vegetables, gets a royal treatment with the Kendall-Jackson Chardonnay 'Vintner's Reserve'. This Californian wine is bursting with rich, tropical flavors such as mango and pineapple, peach, apple, lemon and lime. A light-creamy finish will delight the palate long after the last sip has been savored. And then there is the main course. Called 'Head to Tail', it is the highlight of the menu, an ode to beef, so to speak, deserving a top-of-the-line, superb wine: the Freemark Abbey, Napa Valley, California. Its aromas of blackberry, plum, black cherry and currant mingle with



sweet oak, dark chocolate, cinnamon and black pepper. The combination of the beef with its different aspects, showcased to perfection and the blackberry flavors of the Cabernet Sauvignon, is truly memorable. Desert deserves a Kendall Jackson Late harvest Chardonnay. The passion fruit crème caramel with dehydrated fruit chips blends perfectly with the aromas of Honeycomb, peach, nectarine and candied pear flavors. Interested in attending this culinary feast? Please call the Hyatt Regency for reservations 586 1234 and ask for the Ruinas del Mar Restaurant. The evening starts at 18.15 hrs. with a short seminar on food and wine pairing by Jackson Wine Estates regional manager Mark Kilbride; afterwards there is the cocktail reception and dinner. □

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# Autherine & Nat Robinson honored at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort



PALM BEACH - Recently at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years.

Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent



honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority Associate Ricardo Croes at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort, where they call their home

away from home. Aurtherine & Nat Robinson were honored as a Ambassador of Goodwill after coming to Aruba for 21 years.

Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also staff from the Marriott Ocean Club Resort. □

## Aqua Grill...“the hip restaurant that is heaven on earth for seafood lovers,”

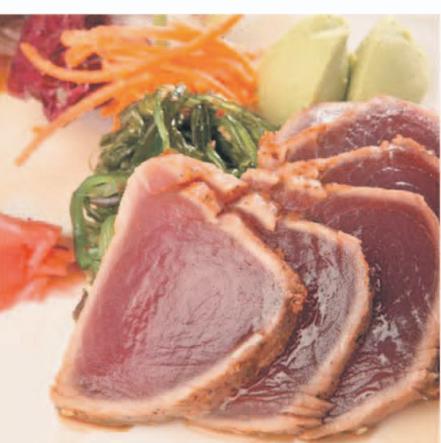
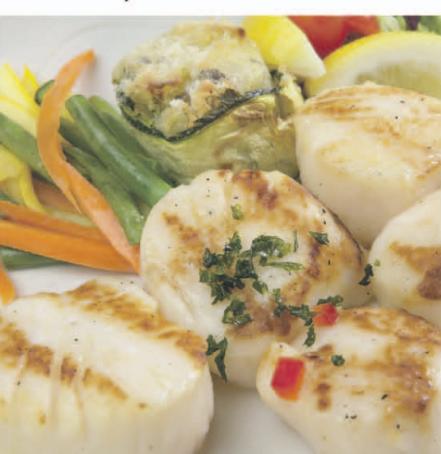
**A**mong the island’s many fine restaurants, Aqua Grill is the premier seafood sensation. Excitingly prepared in an open-view kitchen, fresh local catches join delicacies from waters abroad, including live Maine lobster, Norwegian salmon, sashimi tuna, and Alaskan king crab, along with a selection of non-seafood dishes.

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can also be prepared wood-grilled, broiled, poached, steamed, or pan-fried upon request. Complimenting the menu is the island’s largest raw bar and a generous wine list of over one hundred selections.

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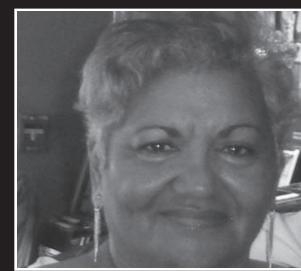
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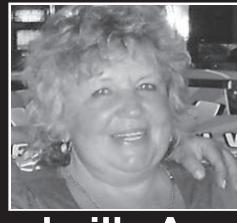
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# WikiLeaks docs raise questions of Obama policies

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LONDON — President Barack Obama stepped into the White House pledging to end George W. Bush's gloves-off approach to interrogations and detention — but a flood of leaked documents suggests that some old habits were hard to break.

Field reports from the Iraq war published by WikiLeaks show that, despite Obama's public commitment to eschew torture, U.S. forces turned detainees over to Iraqi forces even after signs of abuse.

Documents also show that U.S. interrogators continued to question Iraqi detainees, some of whom were still recovering from injuries or whose wounds were still visible after being held by Iraqi security forces.

"We have not turned a blind eye," U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Monday, noting that one of the reasons why U.S. troops were still in Iraq was to carry out human rights training with Iraqi security forces. "Our troops were obligated to report abuses to appropriate authorities and to follow up, and they did so in Iraq."

Crowley added, "If there needs to be an accounting, first and foremost there needs to be an accounting by the Iraqi government itself, and how it has treated its own citizens." Obama signed three executive orders shortly after taking office, vowing to return America to the "moral high ground" in the war on terrorism.

The implication was that the United States would do more to make sure terror suspects weren't tortured or abused — either at the hands of U.S. forces or by governing authorities to whom the

detainees were handed over for detention or interrogation. Should WikiLeaks be subject to U.S. state secrets enforcement?

WikiLeaks recently published almost 400,000 U.S. military logs, mainly written by soldiers on the ground, detailing daily carnage in Iraq since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion: detainees abused by Iraqi forces, insurgent bombings, sectarian executions and civilians shot at checkpoints by U.S. troops. In one leaked document from a U.S. military intelligence report filed Feb. 9, 2009 — just weeks after Obama ordered U.S. personnel to comply with the Geneva Conventions — an Iraqi says he was detained by coalition forces at his Baghdad home and told he would be sent to the Iraqi army if he didn't cooperate. According to the document, the detainee was then handed over to Iraqis where he said he was beaten and given electric shocks.

U.S. interrogators also cleared detainees for questioning, despite signs that they had suffered abuse from Iraqi security forces, the documents show.

One report by a U.S. interrogation detention team based in Baghdad on April 2, 2009, summarizes claims made by a prisoner who said he was hog tied and beaten with a shovel as part of dayslong torture ordeal at the hands of the Iraqi army. The report noted he had a catalog of "minor injuries," including "rope burns on the back of his legs and a possible busted ear drum."

A second report from April 2009 describes an Iraqi detainee as being covered in bruises and a scar from being bludgeoned with a pickax. In both cases, the men were still cleared for U.S. interrogations, which



**Founder of the WikiLeaks website, Julian Assange, speaks during a press conference in London, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010. WikiLeaks revealed on Saturday previously secret files on the Iraq war, which in the biggest leak of secret information in U.S. history suggest that far more Iraqis died than previously acknowledged during the years of sectarian bloodletting and criminal violence unleashed by the 2003 U.S.-led invasion**

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international lawyers say is a violation of the Geneva Conventions.

A fourth report in May of 2009 goes even farther. "There are indications of abuse. Detainee has been medically cleared for interrogation," the document reads.

The field reports also showed that there were signs of abuse upon regular inspections of Iraqi police stations and holding facilities, raising questions about whether detainees were still turned over to the same authorities. A U.S. military police brigade filed a report in May last year saying they had discovered two wounded Iraqi prisoners, one of whom said he had been so badly beaten he was urinating blood. An American officer tried to get the men some medical attention, but the Iraqis allegedly refused.

One report, filed in September of 2009, described how American forces inspecting an Iraqi army facility found a

detainee with two black eyes, scabs, bruises, and what the report described as a neck that had turned "red/yellow."

The report said the detainee was given electric shocks to elicit a confession. The Iraqis claimed he suffered the injuries while trying to escape. The Pentagon has condemned WikiLeaks for publishing the documents, saying that U.S. and Iraqi lives could be put at risk — an allegation that WikiLeaks has dismissed. On Monday, founder Julian Assange defended his decision, swatting away suggestions that the leaked intelligence was of historical interest.

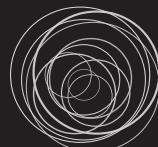
"Certainly for Iraqis this war is not history," said Assange. Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki on Saturday attacked the leak as an attempt to malign him and stir tension. While there's no proof in any of the files that the U.S. or its allies directly mistreated detainees, there were at

least four allegations where coalition troops were accused of prisoner abuse after Obama signed his executive order.

One of those incidents occurred last year in Mosul, Iraq, when a soldier allegedly choked a detainee and threatened to kill his family. A fifth report states that a detainee was "kicked around for several moments" while awaiting transfer from U.S. custody.

In Washington, the Pentagon did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether Obama's 2009 executive order banning torture resulted in any different instructions to U.S. forces in Iraq.

"This is official evidence that there was a cover-up of crimes, either by turning suspects over or torturing them directly," Dan Ellsberg, who is credited for leaking the 1971 Pentagon Papers that exposed secrets about the Vietnam War, told The Associated Press on Monday night. □



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# Karzai says his office gets cash from Iran, U.S.

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Monday that once or twice a year, Iran gives his office \$700,000 to \$975,000 for official presidential expenses and that Washington also provides "bags of money" because his office lacks funds. Karzai's comments come a day after The New York Times reported that Iran was giving bags of cash to the president's chief of staff, Umar Daudzai, to buy his loyalty and promote Iranian interests in Afghanistan.

The Times quoted unnamed sources as saying the cash

amounted to a slush fund that Karzai and Daudzai had used to pay Afghan lawmakers, tribal elders — and even Taliban commanders — to secure their loyalty.

Karzai told reporters Monday that he had instructed Daudzai, a former ambassador to Iran, to accept the money from Tehran.

"It is official and by my order," Karzai said.

He added that several nations have given money to his office — the first being the United Arab Emirates, which provided \$1.5 million nine years ago when Afghanistan's interim government was formed.

"That was a big help and we submitted all the money to the central bank and we were paying for the daily expenses of the government," Karzai said. "After that, a number of other countries helped us in the same way."

Karzai did not offer details about how the money was spent, saying only that it was used to "help the presidential office" and to "dispense assistance" to certain individuals.

"This is transparent. This is something that I've even discussed while I was at Camp David with President Bush," he said, referring to meetings he had with former President

## Taiwan rescuers search for missing China tourists



A tour bus is seen engulfed by a land slide caused by heavy rains from passing Typhoon Megi on the coast highway in Ilan county, north eastern Taiwan, Saturday, Oct. 23, 2010. Taiwanese rescuers were still searching Saturday for 19 Chinese tourists who remain unaccounted for after their tour bus was trapped by massive rockslides from the rains.

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and assorted body parts in the area, but no definitive identifications had yet been made. Debris from the bus found along the rocky slope suggests the vehicle may have fallen off the road and into the sea more than 300 yards below.

Rescuers in helicopters and ships searched for victims in the water. □

Relatives in China of the missing tourists, from the southern city of Zhuhai, have blamed a Taiwanese travel agency — Taipei-based Chuang Yi Travel — for failing to take necessary precautions when Typhoon Megi passed by the island Thursday.

A Chuang Yi spokesman was not immediately available for comment.

Despite record rains and the road's vulnerability to mud- and rockslides, Taiwanese officials failed to close the highway that winds precariously along the northeastern coast. Multiple mudslides caused by the typhoon stranded other vehicles carrying about 400 people, who were eventually rescued.

Megi took at least 28 lives in the Philippines and 12 in Taiwan, including nine buried alive when a mudslide obliterated a Buddhist temple in Ilan county, which sustained a record 45 inches of rain. □

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TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Rescuers rappelled down a cliff Monday trying to trace 21 Chinese tourists whose bus is believed to have tumbled off a narrow coastal road in Taiwan as a fierce typhoon lashed east Asia last week.

Rescue officials told reporters they have found one body



Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. Karzai told reporters that once or twice a year Iran gives his office \$700,000 to \$975,000 for official presidential expenses. He said the U.S. has known about the Iranian assistance for years and that Washington also gives the palace "bags of money."

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George W. Bush at the U.S. presidential retreat outside Washington.

"It is not hidden," he said. "We are grateful for the Iranians' help in this regard. The United States is doing the same thing. They are providing cash to some of our offices."

Asked whether the U.S. actually gives bags full of cash to the presidential office, Karzai responded: "Yes, it does give bags of money."

The Associated Press requested comment from the U.S. Embassy, but has not yet received a response.

The Iranian embassy in Afghanistan dismissed the allegations that the Iranian government was making cash payments to Daudzai,

calling them "ridiculous and insulting." The statement was issued earlier Monday, before Karzai's comments.

In Washington, Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said he was not surprised that Karzai's office was receiving money from Iran, which he said was playing a destabilizing role in Afghanistan.

"I think Iran in Afghanistan — much as it has been in Iraq — has been walking both sides of the street for years," Morrell told MSNBC. "On one hand, as this report indicates, clearly trying to curry favor with the government while at the same time on the other hand, training, arming, financing, directing anti-government forces." □

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His trial had been scheduled to start Monday and he faced a possible life sentence.

Dressed in a dark suit instead of the solid color jumpsuits typically worn by prisoners held at the U.S. base in Cuba, the defendant, who was born in Toronto and speaks fluent English, repeatedly answered "yes" to a series of questions from the military judge making sure he understood the charges against him.

Khadr, who had previously pleaded not guilty and rejected a plea agreement, stared down at the defense table without making eye contact with the judge. Asked if anyone had made any promises to him so that he would plead guilty, he answered simply "no."

"You should only do this if you truly believe it is in your best interests," the judge told him.

Earlier, his lawyers had said they hoped to secure an agreement because he faced

a possible life sentence under a military tribunal system that they believe favors the prosecution despite changes adopted under President Barack Obama.

"There's not much choice," attorney Dennis Edney said. "He either pleads guilty to avoid trial, or he goes to trial, and the trial is an unfair process."

Khadr would be eligible for transfer back to his native Canada after serving the first year of his sentence as part of the agreement, said Army Col. Patrick Parrish, the military judge.

Canada's government issued a terse reaction, noting that he had pleaded guilty.

"This matter is between Mr. Khadr and the US government. We have no further comment," said Catherine Loubier, a spokeswoman for Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon, in an e-mail.

Khadr was charged with murder in the death of



In this photo of a sketch by courtroom artist Janet Hamlin and reviewed by a U.S. Department of Defense official Capt Michael Grant, USAF swears in Omar Khadr, right, at the Camp Justice compound of Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base in Cuba, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. Khadr pleaded guilty under oath before military commission Judge Patrick Parrish, rear, to five charges including murder in a plea agreement with military authorities.

*Associated Press*

U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer, a special forces medic from Albuquerque, New Mexico. The U.S. says the Canadian, who was seriously wounded in the firefight, is a war criminal because he was not a legitimate soldier. The prisoner also faced charges of spying, material support for terrorism, conspiracy and attempted murder. His war crimes trial, the first under Obama, began in August but was put on hold when Khadr's defense lawyer fell ill and collapsed in the courtroom.

The Khadr case has long outraged critics of Guantanamo, including some Obama supporters, who say Khadr should not be prosecuted because he was just 15 at the time of the battle in Afghanistan and was subjected to harsh treatment in custody.

Defenders say he was a child soldier pushed into militancy by his father, an associate of Osama bin Laden who was killed in Pakistan after his son's capture. And they say that killing a soldier during a firefight does not amount to a war crime.

"It's particularly galling that a president who promised to restore human rights is beginning the first trial here with a child soldier who was abused for years in U.S. custody and was taken to a war zone by his dad," said Jennifer Turner, a lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union who is at the U.S. base in Cuba to observe the proceedings. The sentencing hearing is likely to feature testimony from witnesses, including Speer's widow, with whom he had two children, and another soldier who was blinded in one eye during the firefight. A jury of military officers will vote on a sentence but officials overseeing the tribunals will reject their decision if it exceeds the terms of the plea bargain.

Attorneys for Khadr and military authorities have declined to provide any details of a plea deal. Several media outlets in Canada, citing anonymous sources, have reported that he would face one more year at Guantanamo and seven back in his native country. Layne Morris, the now-retired Army sergeant

who was partially blinded in the raid, previously said he would oppose that reported sentence as too lenient.

The Guantanamo war crimes trials, the first the U.S. has held since the World War II era, have been stalled repeatedly by legal challenges since they began in 2004.

The U.S. Supreme Court forced Congress and President George W. Bush to modify the rules and Obama did it again as part of his so far unsuccessful attempt to empty the detention center. The military tribunals have convicted just four men, none of them major al-Qaida figures.

The new president's supporters have been frustrated by his inability to close the detention center, where the U.S. now holds about 170 men. Obama had directed the government shortly after his inauguration to close the prison within a year but the effort has bogged down amid Congressional opposition to transferring prisoners to the U.S. and difficulties finding adequate places to resettle them elsewhere. □

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# Indonesia warns volcano could erupt at any time

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Associated Press Writer

**MOUNT MERAPI,**  
Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia warned Monday that its most volatile volcano could erupt at any time and started evacuating some of the thousands of villagers living on the mountain's slope.

Mount Merapi has seen increased volcanic activity over the past week and officials have raised the alert level for the 9,737-foot-high mountain to the most urgent level, said government volcanologist Surono, who uses only one name.

The mountain last erupted in 2006, when it sent an avalanche of blistering gases and rock fragments racing down the mountain that killed two people. A similar eruption in 1994 killed 60 people, while 1,300 people died in an eruption in 1930.

"Officials have predicted that if it erupts, magma would flow to the southern side," said Sri Purnomo, the head of Sleman district on Java island, where Mount

Merapi is located.

He said officials were warning some 11,400 villagers living on the mountain's southern slope to prepare for "urgent evacuation." About 40,000 people live close to the mountain.

Purnomo said camps to take in the evacuees were being set up at government buildings and sports fields more than six miles away. Hundreds of the elderly and children have been moved from villages near the slopes of Mount Merapi to Umbulharjo village, where they are being placed in government buildings and tents prepared by local officials.

Ponco Sumarto and her two grandchildren were among about 100 villagers who arrived Monday at a refugee camp in Umbulhardjo.

"I just have to follow orders to take shelter here for safety even though I'd rather like to stay at home," 65-year-old Sumarto said. She said her children stayed at home to take care of their livestock and crops.



An Indonesian police officer helps an elderly to board a truck to evacuate his home on the slope of Mount Merapi in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. Indonesia warned Monday that its most volatile volcano could erupt at any time and started evacuating some of the thousands of villagers living on the mountain's slope.

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Bejo Mulyo, chief of Umbulharjo, said some 300 villagers in all have been evacuated to several refugee sites late Monday. There are more than 129 active volcanoes to watch in Indonesia, which is spread across 17,500 islands

and is prone to eruptions and earthquakes because of its location within the so-called "Ring of Fire" — a series of fault lines stretching from the Western Hemisphere through Japan and Southeast Asia.

The most recent was Mount

Sinabung in North Sumatra province. It had been dormant for four centuries before springing to life in August but has since quieted and refugees from its slopes have returned home. □

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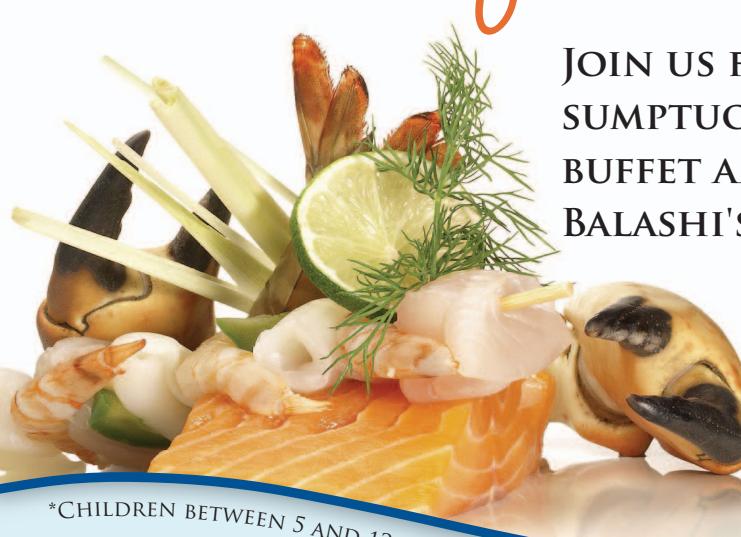
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# Drought has Amazon tributary at record low levels



A boat sits at the dry Rio Negro river in Manaus, Brazil, Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010. The Black river, one of the Amazon river's largest tributaries, registered historic drought levels this weekend, which could affect thousands of fishing communities in the region. According to Brazilian civil defense officials, the depth of the Black river dropped by six centimeters.

TALES AZZONI

Associated Press Writer

SAO PAULO (AP) — A severe drought has dropped water

levels on a major Amazon tributary to their lowest point since officials began keeping records more than a century

ago, the government reported Monday, cutting off dozens of communities who depend on the river for work and

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transportation.

Floating homes along the Rio Negro now rest on muddy flats, and locals have had to modify boats to run in shallower waters in a region without roads. Some riverbanks have caved in, although no injuries have been reported.

The drought is hurting fishing, cattle, agriculture and other businesses, prompting authorities to declare a state of emergency in nearly 40 municipalities.

Authorities did not say how many people are affected, but Brazilian media estimated that some 60,000 families live in the area. "It is a difficult situation for the community," resident Josimar Peixoto told Globo TV.

"The families are struggling here."

The government's geological service said Monday that the Rio Negro was measured at a depth of 44.72 feet the previous day near the jungle city of Manaus, the lowest

since a measuring system was implemented in 1902.

Manaus, in northern Brazil, is where the Rio Negro is at its deepest and where it merges with the Amazon River — meaning some places upstream are nearly completely dry.

The previous low was 44.75 feet, recorded in 1963.

An engineer and hydrology expert with the geological service said rains in remote parts of the Amazon will begin raising river levels, but it will take time for that water to reach Manaus.

"The water is expected to start rising again in about three to four weeks," Daniel Oliveira told The Associated Press.

Early last year, the Rio Negro hit a record high of 97.5 feet near Manaus following months of heavy rains.

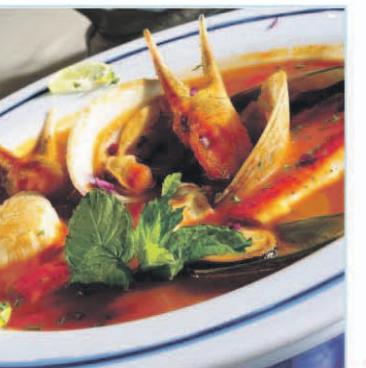
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## 49ers arrive in London for regular-season game

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

LONDON (AP) — The San Francisco 49ers are already in London, trying to stay awake and getting ready for the NFL's fourth regular-season game at Wembley Stadium. Both the 49ers and Denver Broncos are coming off losses and will be looking to get their season on track Sunday.

"This week gives us a great opportunity to kind of take a step back and smell the roses a bit and put the pieces in the place that we need to," San Francisco head coach Mike Singletary said Monday.

On Sunday, the 49ers blew a late lead and lost to the Carolina Panthers 23-20. Quarterback Alex Smith was injured on a third-quarter sack and still had his non-throwing arm in a sling Monday afternoon.

"It's all right. Could be better," Smith said upon arriving at the team's hotel outside London after a checkup at the hospital. Against Carolina, Smith completed nine of 19 passes for 129 yards, one touchdown and no turnovers. But a mix-up on protection allowed Charles Johnson to come in and tackle him on the blind side, driving his shoulder into the turf.

He said he was still in pain, and had not slept much since the team flew to London overnight. As far as playing against the Broncos, Smith said he had no idea.

"I'm still waiting to hear from the doctors," Smith said.

Whether Smith plays or not, Singletary is hoping to use the trip to London to his team's advantage.

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## FAVRE OUT?



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre reacts after an incomplete pass during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Green Bay, Wis. The Packers won 28-24.

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## Giants have never lost to Texas at AT&T Park

By JANIE McCUALEY

AP Baseball Writer

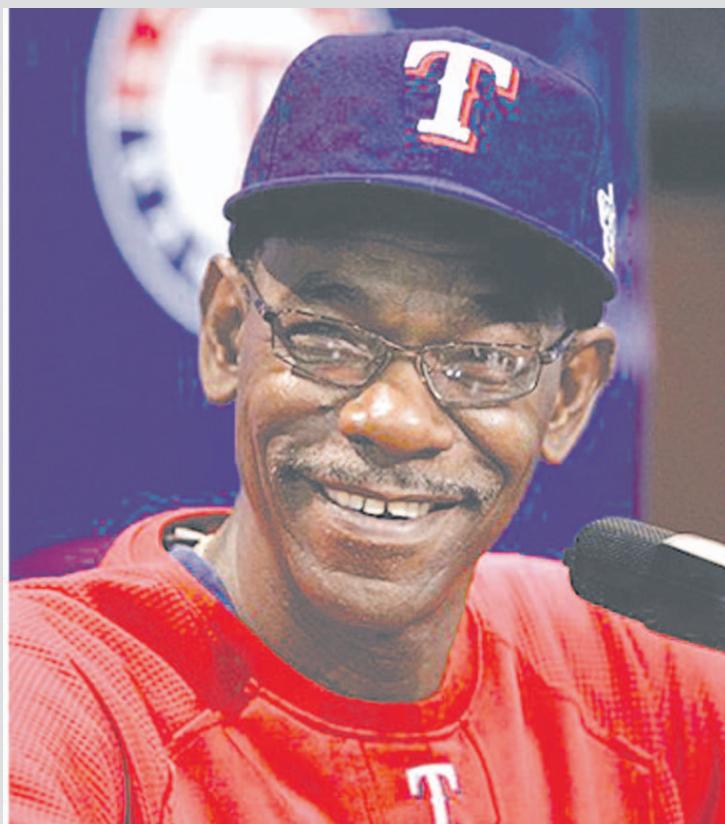
SAN FRANCISCO — Not only have the Texas Rangers never been to the World Series before, they are winless in nine games at AT&T Park. And make that an 11-game losing streak in San Francisco dating back to the windy, cold nights at the Giants' former home of Candlestick Park.

"That's something you don't even consider. It's a different team," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said Monday before his team worked out at AT&T Park. "They're a team that really came together at the right time and started playing very well once the playoffs started and played well throughout them." Still, the Rangers must find a way to win in San Francisco's pitcher-friendly waterfront ballpark at least once, because the Giants have home-field advantage in the Series. Game 1 is Wednesday night — and the Giants know Texas manager Ron Washington will have his team ready with postseason ace Cliff Lee on the mound for a marquee matchup against two-time reigning NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum.

"Just like the Rangers lost in '99, and never won a home playoff game, those have nothing to do with this team," Rangers third baseman Michael Young said Monday at the team's downtown San Francisco hotel. "Whatever happened in the past is the past, nothing to do with what happens now, just like regular season games have nothing to do with the postseason. That's all in the past."

The Giants returned to the Bay Area on Sunday afternoon following their Game 6 victory Saturday night at Philadelphia that sent the franchise to its first World Series since the Barry Bonds-led 2002 team that finished runner-up to the Angels. This squad is so different from that 2002 team. There is no superstar in this gritty bunch.

"We fought," said left fielder Pat Burrell, one of several new faces to come along during the course of the year. "We



scratched and clawed. I don't know how we did it but we did it."

Bochy announced his rotation before the start of Monday's on-field session. After Lincecum goes in the opener, Matt Cain will start Game 2. When the series shifts to Texas, Jonathan Sanchez will start Game 3, followed by rookie Madison Bumgarner.

Following Lee for the Rangers will be C.J. Wilson in Game 2, then Colby Lewis and probably Tommy Hunter in Game 4.

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# AP source: anti-hunger group to sponsor Gordon car



**FILE - This Oct. 15, 2010, file photo shows Jeff Gordon preparing for practice for the NASCAR Bank of America 500 Sprint Cup series auto race at Charlotte Motor Speedway, in Concord, N.C. Gordon will be sponsored next season by an anti-hunger campaign coordinated through the AARP Foundation. The deal first was reported Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, by The Charlotte Observer.**

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Four-time NASCAR champion Jeff Gordon will be sponsored next season by an anti-hunger

campaign coordinated through the AARP Foundation. The multiyear deal will be announced Wednesday by Hendrick Motorsports. A person familiar with

Hendrick's sponsorship agreement confirmed the deal to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the official announcement had not been made. The deal first was reported Monday by The Charlotte Observer.

According to paperwork filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Hendrick Motorsports has requested trademarks on two different slogans: "Drive For Hunger" and "Drive 4 Hunger."

The campaign will be the first cause-related sponsorship of its kind in NASCAR, which has struggled to attract new business since the economic downturn began late in 2008. Sponsorship dollars have been dramatically reduced, and many teams, Hendrick included, had to let go employees while adjusting to

smaller budgets. Lack of funding put some teams out of business, and led to mergers between several top-tier organizations. Others had to explore nontraditional NASCAR sponsors as potential revenue sources.

Everyone has been affected, including Gordon and two-time champion Tony Stewart, two of the sport's biggest stars. Stewart earlier this month finally announced an 11-race deal with ExxonMobil Corp., and acknowledged the difficulty in securing sponsorship in today's market had stretched to NASCAR's elite. "It's tough, you realize there's a lot of teams competing for the same dollars," he said. "The competition off the track is just as tough as the competition on the track. There are still companies that are going to be in the sport, and there are still companies

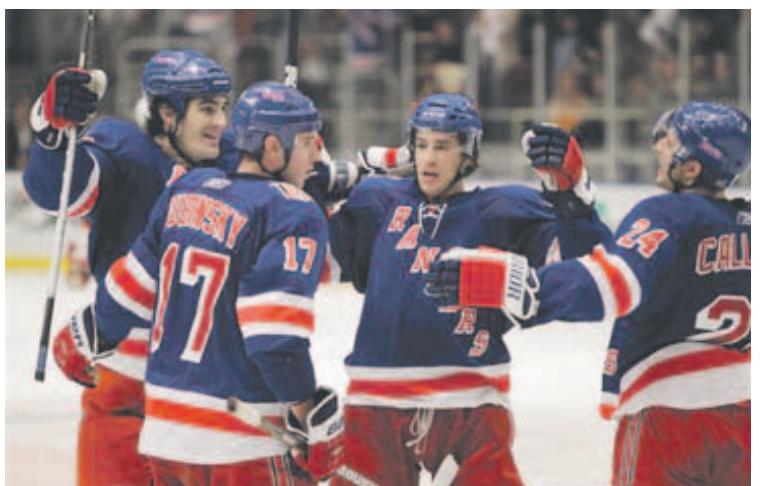
who want to be associated with marquee guys.

"I can promise you that (Gordon and Hendrick Motorsports) are not sitting over there without an offer on the table."

Hendrick Motorsports is filling the void created when DuPont, which has sponsored Gordon his entire career, decided to scale back its commitment. The company will still play a major role with Gordon, and be the primary sponsor on all but two of the races that the new sponsor has not claimed.

PepsiCo, which also has a long relationship with Gordon, will continue sponsoring the driver. The company has traditionally been the primary sponsor for two races a year.

The new deal on the anti-hunger campaign fills the No. 24 Chevrolet's primary sponsorship needs. □



New York Rangers' Brian Boyle, Brandon Dubinsky (17), Michael Del Zotto and Ryan Callahan, from left, celebrate after the Rangers' 3-1 win over the New Jersey Devils in an NHL hockey game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Michal Rozsival and Ryan Callahan scored second-period goals as the New York Rangers earned their third straight win, beating Ilya Kovalchuk and the slumping New Jersey Devils 3-1 on Sunday night. Kovalchuk, in the first season of a 15-year, \$100 million deal, returned to New Jersey's

lineup a night after he was benched by coach John MacLean for undisclosed reasons.

Kovalchuk didn't play in the Devils' 6-1 home loss to Buffalo and wasn't much of a factor Sunday until he scored with 5:52 remaining to make it 2-1.

Kovalchuk, who along with

## NHL Roundup

# Rozsival carries Rangers past slumping Devils

MacLean said the issue between them was resolved, was in the penalty box when Callahan scored the power-play goal that gave the Rangers a 2-0 lead.

Rozsival and Callahan both had an assist, and Brandon Dubinsky scored an empty-net goal with a second left for the Rangers, who returned home after wins at Toronto and Boston. Henrik Lundqvist made 27 saves, but fell a few minutes short of his 25th NHL shutout.

Martin Brodeur stopped 31 shots for New Jersey (2-6-1), which has been outscored 30-15 this season.

### Flames 4, Sharks 0

At Calgary, Miikka Kiprusoff made 27 saves for his second shutout of the season and 36th overall and Rene Bourque scored twice in Calgary's victory over San Jose.

Bourque has six goals this season, five in his last two games. He had three goals and an assist Friday night in Calgary's 6-2 victory in Columbus.

Jarome Iginla and Craig Conroy also scored for the Flames.

### Predators 4, Lightning 3

At Tampa, Anders Lindback made 42 saves to help Nashville complete a weekend road sweep.

Lindback made in-close saves on Vincent Lecavalier and Ryan Malone during the second and stopped Lecavalier on a third-period breakaway.

Shea Weber, Sergei Kostitsyn, Cody Franson and Colin Wilson scored for the Predators, who are the only NHL team (5-0-3) not to have a loss in regulation this season. Nashville was coming off a 1-0 victory Saturday night in Dallas, where Pekka Rinne made 30 saves.

Tampa Bay got goals from Sean Bergenheim, Martin St. Louis and Adam Hall. Dan Ellis took the loss in his first game against his former team. □



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## Favre has stress fracture, putting streak in doubt

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Brett Favre's ironman streak has endured a litany of injuries and even a pair of premature retirement press conferences. Perhaps this is the week that, finally, Favre's health prevents him from playing. The 41-year-old Minnesota quarterback has a stress fracture in his left ankle that could end his NFL-record streak at 291 consecutive games started — 315 including the playoffs. Vikings coach Brad Childress said Monday an MRI on Favre's foot revealed the stress fracture as well as an "avulsion" fracture in the heel bone. An avulsion fracture occurs when a fragment of bone is torn away by a tendon or ligament. Childress said neither injury requires surgery.

"He's got great pain threshold and also great competitive zeal," Childress said, succinctly summing up Favre's legacy of durability. Favre is also the subject of an NFL investigation into allegations that he sent lewd photographs and suggestive messages to a female New York Jets employee in 2008, a development that first put his streak in danger with the possibility of a suspension under the league's personal conduct policy. NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Monday there was nothing to report about the investigation. For this week, it appears Favre's biggest problem will be figuring out a way to heal fast enough to face New England on Sunday.

"He's got to be able to do all

the things that his position does," Childress said. "You can't put a guy that's a sitting duck out there. His competitive nature I'm sure will come into it. But a lot of times you've got to protect people from themselves." Favre had arthroscopic surgery on the ankle in May, and he received a series of lubricating injections in the joint at the beginning of the season. The ankle has bothered him at times this fall, but he hurt it in Sunday's 28-24 loss at Green Bay as he was being tackled from behind while throwing his first of three interceptions against the Packers.

Favre was limping around during the game and walking gingerly afterward, and Childress said he was wearing a walking boot around the practice facility on Monday to make him more comfortable. He refused to rule Favre out of this week's game, which would likely mean a start by Tarvaris Jackson. But he also insisted that the streak won't influence the decision on whether to play him against the Patriots (5-1).

"We have to do what is right for the Minnesota Vikings," Childress said. "That's what I get charged with at the end of the day. I'm not worried about someone getting one more

start or one more yard to equal 300."

His teammates will have to believe it when they see it. "Unless they cut his leg off, it's going to be hard to keep him off the field," defensive tackle Kevin Williams said. "That's the type of guy he is, from what he's shown throughout his career."

The Vikings (2-4) are struggling to find the groove they enjoyed in Favre's first season, which started 6-0 and ended in the NFC championship game. With Favre's turnover count now at 14 — including 10 interceptions, already three more than last year — he has been hurting them as much as he's helped them so far.

Favre didn't enter the locker room at Winter Park when it was open to reporters on Monday, but after the game he said he wouldn't put his record ahead of common sense.

"If I can play but not be effective, then it's not worth playing," Favre said. "I hope I use good judgment, so we'll see. I'm no spring chicken anymore. I don't heal as quickly."

The injury news overshadowed a second day of Childress criticizing Favre's decisions on the interceptions, two of which the Packers



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre throws with Green Bay Packers defensive tackle B.J. Raji (90) rushing during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 24, 2010, in Green Bay, Wis.

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turned into touchdowns. The other stopped a Vikings drive that was already in field-goal range.

Childress said he planned to speak with Favre about the issue of staying "within the confines of our system," as he put it after the game, an assertion Favre didn't disagree with.

Asked Monday whether he and Favre are on the same page with their strategy, Childress paused for a second before saying, "Absolutely." When asked if Favre's straying from orders was a recurring issue, Childress said it was isolated to Sunday night.

"There was a couple 'night at the improvs,'" Childress said. "That happens. It's just a matter of it's with merit."

Childress said he doesn't have a "breaking point" where Favre's turnovers force a non-injury benching.

"When I invited him back here I said, 'Just as long as we don't throw 33 interceptions and seven touchdowns, I think we'll be OK,'" Childress said. "I would hope it doesn't flame up to those proportions, where we flip the whole thing."

Childress also suggested that Favre's struggles will make it easier for them to agree about how the offense is run. □

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# AP source: World Series umpires include 1st timers



Umpires huddle after an apparent home run by New York Yankees' Lance Berkman in the second inning of Game 4 of baseball's American League Championship Series against the Texas Rangers Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, in New York. After review, it was ruled a foul ball.

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By BEN WALKER  
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — The World Series umpiring crew will have a couple of first-timers — unlike last year.

Stung by a spate of missed calls in the playoffs last season, Major League Baseball switched away from recent tradition and brought in only umps with previous World Series

experience.

Umpires Sam Holbrook and Bill Miller will make their World Series debuts Wednesday night in Game 1 between Texas and San Francisco, a person familiar

Stars to thank for starting the World Series at home. This is the first time the Series has begun in a National League park since 2001 at Arizona. Home-field advantage stopped rotating between the leagues in 2003, going instead to the league that won the All-Star game. The NL finally ended its 13-year drought by winning this year's Midsummer Classic, and the Giants are the beneficiary.

"We're proud and we're humbled to be where we are today," said Bill Neukom, San

Francisco's bowtie-wearing, second-year managing partner. Texas players actually had a few chances to change that All-Star outcome, but Elvis Andrus, Josh Hamilton, Vladimir Guerrero and Ian Kinsler combined for just one hit in seven at-bats against the National League.

Giants closer and 2010 major league saves leader Brian Wilson retired Andrus to start his perfect eighth inning at Anaheim's Angel Stadium. Lee, who had just been traded from Seattle to Texas four days earlier, didn't factor into the decision, pitching one inning of relief.

But boy has the lefty been a key for the Rangers in October. He is 3-0 during this playoff run and 7-0 with a 1.26 ERA for his career in the postseason, covering eight starts in five series with the Phillies and Texas.

"There's nobody pitching better. We know it," Bochy said.

San Francisco will look to

with the decision told The Associated Press this week. Holbrook and Miller will be joined by veteran umps John Hirschbeck, Gary Darling, Mike Winters and Jeff Kellogg. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement hasn't been made.

The six-man crew had included at least one World Series rookie in 24 of past 25 events until last October. MLB likes to reward newer umps and expand the roster of umps with Series experience.

World Series crews are picked from the pool of umps who work in the first round of the playoffs. Miller was in the Tampa Bay-Texas series and Holbrook did the Cincinnati-Philadelphia matchup.

At least a pair of first-time World Series umps had been included for five straight years until last season. Miller and Holbrook

restore the familiar rotation. There were some misses in the opening round this season and chants of "Replay! Replay!" broke out in the Tropicana Field crowd after Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon was ejected. Miller was not involved in the calls that prompted the disputes.

This is the third postseason with video review — it is used solely to determine whether balls are home runs. The umps went to replay in Game 4 of the Texas-Yankees series and overturned the original call, correctly ruling that Lance Berkman's drive was foul rather than a home run. Commissioner Bud Selig recently said he didn't find much support for expanded replay in his talks with managers, executives and owners. In December, baseball management, players and umps will meet about the state of umpiring, and replay could be among the topics. □



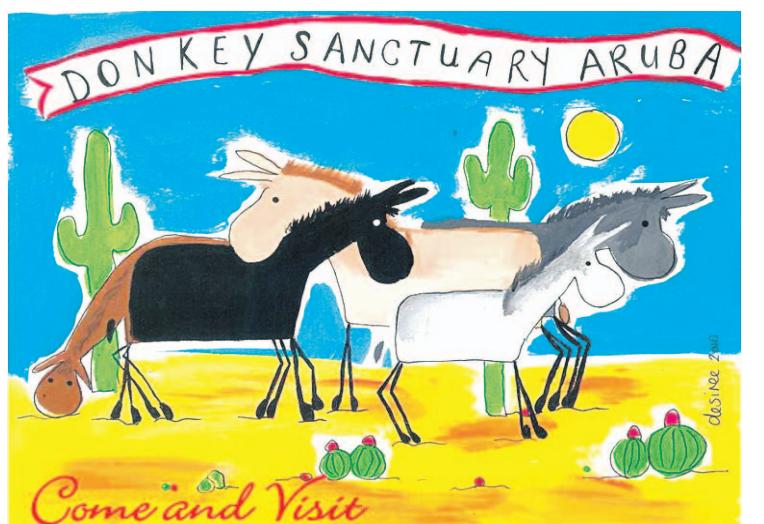
San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy, left, goes over signs with catcher Buster Posey during a baseball workout at AT&T Park in San Francisco, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. The Giants and the Texas Rangers are scheduled to play Game 1 of the World Series on Wednesday.

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produce more offense — as tough as that might be against Lee and Co. The Giants were outscored 20-19 by Philadelphia in six NLCS games and had three one-run victories in both that series and the division series against Atlanta.

One thing San Francisco

has is depth, with somebody different capable of delivering a key play or hit on any given night. So far this postseason, Cody Ross has been the star. "I think there probably were some people surprised to see these two teams in the World Series," Bochy said. "But it's good for baseball." □



# Romo breaks collarbone; Giants lead 24-20 at half

By JAIME ARON

AP Pro Football Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys' miserable season just got a whole lot worse: Tony Romo broke his left collarbone in the second quarter against the New York Giants on Monday night, then his teammates let a 13-point lead turn into a 24-20 halftime deficit.

The Cowboys were trailing despite having pried away three turnovers (including two interceptions returned inside the New York 20) and a 93-yard punt return for a touchdown. A loss would put them off to their worst start since going 1-15 in 1989, the first year Jerry Jones owned the club.

Romo's injury could end his season. Recovery time is generally 8 to 10 weeks. With the Cowboys at 1-4 — and headed to 1-5 — there may not be any reason to rush back.

The play came early in the second quarter, with Romo throwing a pass to Miles Austin, then taking a hard hit from blitzing Michael Boley. The linebacker came in unblocked and running at him practically full speed. Romo landed on the shoulder and remained flat on his back until being helped by trainers. He was taken into the locker room for X-rays and replaced by backup Jon Kitna.

That drive ended with a field goal that put Dallas up 13-7. Then rookie Dez Bryant had the second-longest punt return in club history, making a nice catch on a 69-yard kick then showing off great speed and moves to stretch the Cowboys' lead to 20-7.

Then it all fell apart for Dallas and came together for New York.

The Giants scored 17 points in the last 4:22 of the half, grabbing control of the game

and on its way toward being alone atop the NFC East.

Eli Manning got it rolling by taking New York 80 yards in seven plays, aided by a pass-interference penalty on Cowboys cornerback Mike Jenkins — his fifth such flag in three games. It was the first penalty of the game against Dallas. The touchdown came on an 8-yard pass to Hakeem Nicks. Earlier, Manning and Nicks hooked up on a 7-yard TD toss.

Kitna didn't have a chance on the next series, throwing an incompleteness under pressure then taking a 10-yard sack that forced the Cowboys to punt from the end zone. Manning took over at the New York 44 and quickly drove for the go-ahead score, a 14-yard touchdown pass to Steve Smith.

Dallas was hoping to regain the lead with a two-minute drill, but Jason Witten fumbled and



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is tended to during the first half of a game against the New York Giants in Arlington, Texas. Romo was drilled into the turf on his left shoulder, forcing him to the locker room for X-rays.

New York got a 53-yard field goal from Lawrence Tynes.

Kitna didn't take a single snap last season, the only backup quarterback in the NFL not to play. He hadn't done so through five games this season, either.

Romo had been 5 of 7 for 39 yards with a touchdown pass. Kitna was 2 of 4 for 10 yards in his brief action.

Manning was 14 of 22 for 167 yards. The Cowboys also lost defensive end Jason Hatcher to a groin injury.

The Cowboys pulled out the stops this week to try turning things around. Team

owner Jerry Jones gave an encouraging speech Monday, officials worked practices on Wednesday and Thursday and Hall of Famers Bob Lilly and Tony Dorsett were honorary captains for this game. (Hours earlier, Dorsett called the team "a bunch of underachievers.") They drummed up some loud applause by showing clips of the World Series-bound Texas Rangers, then cutting to Nolan Ryan in the stands.

Apparently, the Giants are making up for what the Yankees failed to do on their trip to Arlington last weekend. □



Mike Singletary, head coach of the San Francisco 49ers speaks at a press conference in Watford, England, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. San Francisco 49ers will play against Denver Broncos in an NFL International Series game at Wembley Stadium in London on Sunday, Oct. 31.

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"For us, it's a nice chance to get away and regroup, rethink," Singletary said. "It really works to be a bonus for us. It really gives a chance to kind of get away from the hustle and bustle of the NFL, to come over and kind of think through some things, look at maybe some changes we need to make."

Although Singletary wouldn't get specific on what changes were needed, the 49ers led by seven until Carolina tied the score with 1:59 to go. Less than a minute later, backup

**Associated Press** quarterback David Carr threw an interception that set up a late field goal.

"We're going to figure it out this week. It's important for us to continue to try and put the pieces in place that gives us a chance to get over the edge," Singletary said. "We still have a chance to have a good season and accomplish some of the goals that we wanted to accomplish at the beginning of the season."

Linebacker Patrick Willis said the team still has a chance to win the division, as Seattle is in first place with only a 4-2 record.

The first step toward that goal is to put Sunday's loss behind them.

"Right now we still got to put closure to the game we played yesterday," Willis said. "Hopefully us coming over ahead of time will get us acclimated ... get our bodies ready to play a good football game."

The Broncos are not due to arrive until Friday, giving them less time to get accustomed to the city and the surroundings.

"We know this a business trip, but at the same time we have a younger football team, and I wanted our guys to come and get a taste of the culture, a little bit of that, and at the same time get a feel for the environment and the weather and the whole nine yards," Singletary said. "And just be settled by the time game starts."

And be ready to play another team that has been struggling — the Broncos (2-5) lost to the visiting Oakland Raiders 59-14.

"We can't let that loss (to the Panthers) get to us," 49ers tight end Vernon Davis said. "We have to keep moving forward, keep our heads up and do what we have to do." □

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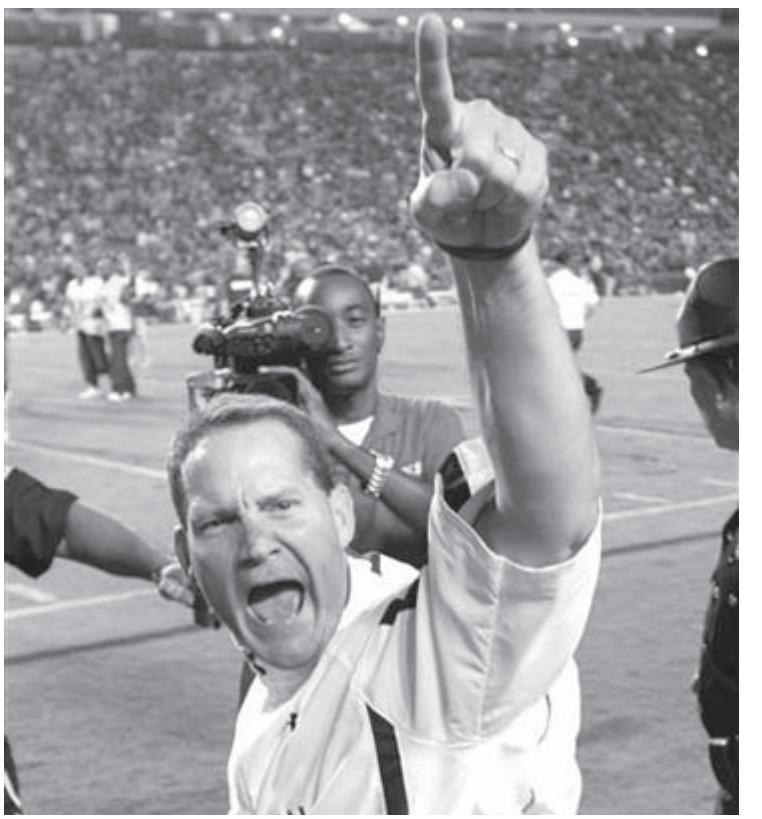
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# Auburn passes Boise St., takes 1st in BCS standings



In this Sept. 18, 2010, file photo, Auburn coach Gene Chizik reacts following a 27-24 overtime win over Clemson in an NCAA college football game at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, Ala. Say this about the Auburn Tigers: They know how to make things exciting. With one thrilling win after another, No. 7 Auburn remains unbeaten heading into a crucial Southeastern Conference game against No. 12 Arkansas.

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Broncos were off last week while Auburn beat LSU 24-17 and Oregon pounded Pac-10 rival UCLA 60-13. TCU (8-0) was fourth, Michigan State (8-0) fifth and Missouri (7-0) sixth. Auburn was tops in the computer rankings and third in each of the USA Today coaches' and Harris polls. The polls count for two-thirds of a BCS average and a compilation of six computer ratings account for the rest.

"I can only control how we proceed in this building," coach Gene Chizik said a few hours before the standings were released. "We just had a team meeting and we talked about being very grounded and understanding that every week is another new week and another opportunity." An SEC team has won the last four national championships, with Florida taking two and Alabama and LSU winning one each. Oregon's computer rating was still lagging behind most of the top teams at eighth, but the Ducks were a solid No. 1 in each of the polls. Boise State was No. 2 in the polls and the computers had the Broncos sixth. Boise State from the Western Athletic Conference and TCU from the Mountain West are both trying to become the first teams from conferences without automatic bids to play in the BCS championship game. To have any chance, they'll have to go undefeated and have Auburn and Oregon lose. Even then, the Broncos and Horned Frogs could be passed by Michigan State and Missouri if they stay unbeaten, or maybe even by Alabama, which has lost a game but stands seventh in the BCS standings. Oregon and Auburn both play on the road this week. The Tigers play at Mississippi and Oregon is at Southern California. Boise State plays Tuesday night at home against Louisiana Tech. □

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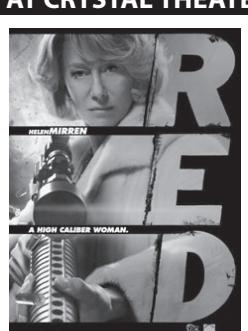
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# Beckham says he'll play out contract in LA



**Soccer star David Beckham demonstrates his new exercise video game, "EA Sports Active 2," Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, in Los Angeles. Beckham plans to play out the final year of his contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2011 while continuing to hope he'll play for England again.**

**BETH HARRIS**  
**AP Sports Writer**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — David Beckham plans to play out the final year of his contract with the Los Angeles Galaxy in 2011 while continuing to hope he'll play for England again.

Beckham said in an interview

with The Associated Press on Monday that he doesn't know what will happen after his contract expires next year. "I want to play as long as my legs can take me," he said. "I know it sounds a cliche, but I love playing football, I love playing the game, it's my passion. When I stop

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enjoying it then I'll know I need to stop." Beckham has a five-year contract with Major League Soccer worth \$32.5 million. He could buy out the final year and leave next month when the playoffs end. "I'm definitely going to be here for the rest of my contract," he said. "My sons go to school here, we're all happy living here, so I can't see us moving."

The former England captain would hurry home, though, if England coach Fabio Capello called on him to play for his country again. Beckham is England's most experienced active player with 115 international appearances.

"I'd love to continue to play. Whether I do or not, that is obviously down to the manager and obviously down to myself to perform," he said. Beckham won't go on loan to a European team like he did with AC Milan the last two years to keep fit during the MLS offseason, which could dash his hopes of playing for England again.

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Capello has suggested he wants to rejuvenate the

England team with younger players and will only consider Beckham for a farewell match in an exhibition. This month, he dismissed the suggestion that Beckham has played himself into contention.

Asked if Capello has fairly considered him, Beckham said, "He's a fair man. He gives everyone a chance."

The 35-year-old says he is "80 to 85 percent" fit after tearing his left Achilles' tendon while on loan in March. He was sidelined for six months and missed the World Cup in South Africa.

"It's obviously difficult to come back from," he said. "I've been playing just over a month now and the fitness level is almost there."

The Galaxy open the playoffs next Sunday at Seattle. Beckham scored the equalizer in the team's 2-1 weekend victory over FC Dallas to help them finish with the league's best record.

Last year, the Galaxy lost on penalty kicks to Real Salt Lake in the MLS Cup final.

"I wouldn't say we're favorites," he said. "I believe we've got the right team, we've got the right manager, so everything sets up right. It's just about us performing on the field."

The severity of his injury has kept Beckham from thinking too far into the future, especially when it comes to

making the rosters for Euro 2012 or the World Cup in 2014.

"At the moment, I'm just taking each game as it comes," he said.

Beckham will join the Galaxy for its friendly in Newcastle, Australia, next month.

His latest injury is one of many that have knocked Beckham out since he arrived to unbelievable hype four years ago, stating his goal was to raise football's profile in the United States.

"We wanted to grow the league, which we have," he said, citing new MLS clubs, new football-specific stadiums and international players who've followed him stateside as proof of the growth.

"I always said it wasn't going to take a year or two. It's going to take five, 10 years to be able to get up to a level which could compete with the European leagues. So far, so good."

Beckham spent Monday in a Hollywood studio doing promotional work for EA Sports Active 2, a line of interactive fitness products set to debut Nov. 19 in Europe and Australia. Wearing a heart rate monitor and a motion sensor, he did a boxing and mountain biking workout with his heart rate and calories burned posted on-screen when he was done. □

## No final decision on women's ski jump for Sochi

**STEPHEN WILSON**

**AP Sports Writer**

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — The IOC says it needs more time to review women's ski jumping and other events before deciding whether to include them in the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, Russia. The International Olympic Committee said Monday it looks "favorably" on the proposed events but a final decision will not be made until after their world championships in 2011. The executive board gave IOC President Jacques Rogge the personal mandate to make the final ruling himself.

The IOC twice turned down women's ski jumping for inclusion at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics. The IOC said then that the sport lacked enough elite competitors.

Women ski jumpers took their case all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada, but failed to overturn the IOC decision.

Women jumpers were hoping for outright IOC approval for Sochi on Monday, but the committee

decided it needs to assess the quality of competition at the upcoming world championships in Norway.

"We are trying to understand the progress made since the first application, and see if more people are practicing the sport," said Gilbert Felli, the IOC's executive director of the Olympic Games.

Also facing further review next year are slopestyle events in snowboard and Alpine freestyle, ski halfpipe, mixed relay in biathlon, and team events in figure skating and luge.

"The atmosphere was very positive," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "I think we would characterize it to say that the executive board is looking favorably on all of those for inclusion."

Felli said he expects a ruling in April, since the last world championship events in those disciplines will be in March.

Out of eight proposed new events, one was rejected — a team event in Alpine skiing. The event, which has been held at the world championships since 2005, features racers going head-to-head in a

parallel giant slalom.

Rogge has said he supports the addition of women's jumping if there is a continued growth in the number of top competitors.

The inaugural women's ski jumping world championship took place last year in Liberec, Czech Republic, and was won by Lindsey Van of the United States. Next year's championship will be held in Oslo on Feb. 25.

"We want a good assessment of the progress made," Felli said. "We believe there should be more progress that we can witness at this world championships than it was last time."

The International Ski Federation plans to start a women's ski jumping World Cup circuit starting with the 2011-12 season.

Women have competed on the Continental Cup circuit since 2005.

The IOC also decided to keep the freestyle event of skicross for the Sochi Games after it had been included on a provisional basis for Vancouver. □

# No. 1 ranking at stake at season-ending WTA event

**MICHAEL CASEY**

**AP Sports Writer**

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Just weeks after becoming the top-ranked women's tennis player Caroline Wozniacki will have to fight to keep that title at the WTA Championships in Doha.

The 20-year-old Dane won't face a challenge from injured Serena Williams, who she replaced as No. 1, or Williams' sister Venus, who is also hurt. But she will have to fend off Vera Zvonareva of Russia, the world's second-ranked player, who she beat in a tough three-set match earlier this month at the China Open.

The eight-player tournament starts Tuesday with a round-robin group stage, with the top two players from each group advancing to the semifinals.

Wozniacki and Zvonareva are in different groups but could potentially face each other in the knockout rounds.

Wimbledon and U.S. Open runner-up Zvonareva faces an uphill battle to wrestle the top spot from Wozniacki, however. She must win all three matches in the group stage and then make it to the final, while all Wozniacki has to do is win two of her round robin matches to retain her ranking.

If Zvonareva loses a match in the round robin, Wozniacki would then only need to win one of hers.

Wozniacki said she wasn't



Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki shows her hands after she made a hand-print a day ahead of Qatar Tennis Championship in Doha, Qatar, Monday Oct. 25, 2010. Just weeks after becoming the top-ranked women's tennis player Caroline Wozniacki will have to fight to keep that title at the WTA Championships in Doha. The eight-player tournament starts Tuesday with a round-robin group stage, with the top two players from each group advancing to the semifinals.

fazed by the prospect of losing her No. 1 ranking so quickly, insisting she is approaching this tournament like any other this year. It is easy to see why. She has won more titles — six — and more matches — 59 — than any player in 2010.

"To be honest, for me it's the same. I go into a tournament and I always want to win it," Wozniacki said. "Of course, now I'm the player to beat. You know, it's just a nice feeling. It's nice to know that I've done so good that I'm the No. 1 player in the world. That's a fantastic feeling."

It was at this tournament last

year that then-No. 1 Dinara Safina was overtaken by Serena Williams after she tearfully withdrew because of a serious back injury. Safina's short-lived tenure at the top was marked by the fact she hadn't won a major — a similar situation facing Wozniacki.

But all the players questioned on Monday at the WTA Championship said Wozniacki was a deserving choice for No. 1 because she has been the best performer this year.

"I think what Caroline has done is a great achievement. I think for every player who

becomes No. 1 in the world it's a dream come true," Jelena Jankovic said.

"She really played, you know, well. She played very consistently throughout the year. I think in this moment she deserves to be No. 1, and the ranking shows."

Wozniacki insisted her lack of Grand Slams — something she believes will come in time — shouldn't deny her the right at the top spot.

"I think I deserve it," she said. "I think I've had a fantastic season. I've won the most matches this year, the most

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tournaments ... I believe I belong at the top of the women's game and I'm a good player."

Zvonareva said she has dreamed since childhood of one day becoming No. 1, but also insisted she wasn't a player who spends a lot of time worrying about statistics and rankings.

"I'm just trying my best. I know that tennis is a tough game, but I'm enjoying it," she said. "I know if I do my best on the court all the time and I'm able to prepare myself ... to go out there and perform my best, the results and the rankings will come."

While much of the attention will be on the top two players, several others at the tournament could play a role in deciding who finishes it as No. 1.

Reigning U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters, who missed last month's China Open with an infected foot, is back and said "physically I feel fine."

The fourth-ranked Clijsters has a 6-2 record against Zvonareva, who she will face in the group stage, including a one-sided 6-2, 6-1 victory in this year's U.S. Open final.

Samantha Stosur is also a threat, following her breakout year in which she became the first Australian woman to reach a Grand Slam final since 1980. Stosur lost the French Open final to Francesca Schiavone of Italy, who is also playing in Doha. □



In this Nov. 28, 2009, file photo, former number one tennis player Thomas Muster, of Austria, returns a ball to Austria's number one female player Sybille Bammer during a tennis exhibition match in Salzburg, Austria. Muster, 43, is making his return to the ATP Tour at the Bank Austria Trophy 26 years after he first played at the event. Muster will play fellow Austrian Andreas Haider-Maurer on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2010, in his first match on the tour since losing in the first round of 1999 French Open.

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## Muster celebrates Tour comeback at 43

**ERIC WILLEMSSEN**

**Associated Press Writer**

VIENNA (AP) — Former top-ranked Thomas Muster will celebrate his return to the ATP Tour at the age of 43 at the Bank Austria Trophy on Austria's National Holiday.

Muster will play fellow Austrian Andreas Haider-Maurer on Tuesday in his first match back on the tour since losing in the first round of 1999 French Open.

Muster was handed a wild card and was scheduled to play fifth-seeded Ernests Gulbis, but organizers said Monday that the 24th-ranked Latvian had withdrawn for "personal

reasons" and will be replaced by lucky loser Haider-Maurer. "For me, every opponent would have been a huge challenge," Muster said before being told of Gulbis's withdrawal. "I have one advantage — I won't freeze when I enter the Stadthalle. It's a usual feeling to me."

Muster first played in the Vienna event 26 years ago, reaching the final three times but failing to win the tournament.

The 157th-ranked Haider-Maurer pulled out of qualification with a thigh injury earlier Monday but expected to be healthy again

for Tuesday's match.

"I will only go on court when I am 100 percent fit," the 23-year-old Haider-Maurer said. "On paper, Thomas Muster is one of the easiest draws in the first round but with his experience and the spectators getting behind him, he will play his best tennis."

Muster became Austria's most successful tennis player ever by winning 44 titles, most notably the French Open in 1995, and holding the No. 1 spot for six weeks the next year.

By then, Muster had already staged a remarkable comeback to professional tennis.

# Air Force manual describes shadowy cyberwar world

DENVER – A new Air Force manual for cyberwarfare describes a shadowy, fast-changing world where anonymous enemies can carry out devastating attacks in seconds and where conventional ideas about time and space don't apply.

Much of the 62-page manual is a dry compendium of definitions, acronyms and explanations of who reports to whom.

But it occasionally veers into scenarios that sound more like computer games than flesh-and-blood warfare.

Enemies can cloak their identities and hide their attacks amid the cascade of data flowing across international

computer networks, it warns. Relentless attackers are trying to hack into home and office networks in the U.S. "millions of times a day, 24/7."

And operating in cyberspace "may require abandoning common assumptions concerning time and space" because attacks can come from anywhere and take only seconds, the manual says.

The manual officially, "Cyberspace Operations: Air Force Doctrine Document 3-12" is dated July 15 but wasn't made public until this month. It is unclassified and available on the Internet.

[Related: Pentagon says global cyberwar just beginning]

It dwells mostly on protecting

U.S. military computer networks and makes little mention of attacking others. That could signal the Pentagon wants to keep its offensive plans secret, or that its chief goal is fending off cyberattacks to keep its networks up and running, analysts said.

"Their primary mission is in some ways defensive," said James Lewis, a cybersecurity expert and a senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Lewis said the government still hasn't decided whether offensive cyberwarfare is the province of the military or intelligence agencies.

"Who gets to do it? Is it a



military operation?... An intel operation?" Lewis said. "They've made a lot of progress in the last year but they're still sorting out the doctrine."

Noah Shachtman, a contributing editor to Wired magazine and a fellow at the Brookings Institute think tank, said even the limited mention of offensive operations in the manual surprised him.

The manual cites one example of a cyberwar objective as "shutting down electrical power to key power grids of enemy leadership."

"That's usually not the kind of thing we talk about doing to others," Shachtman said. "The offensive stuff is supersecret." Much of the manual is entry-level material, Shachtman said, citing an appendix listing 10 things Air Force personnel should know, including a warning not to open attachments in e-mails from unknown senders.

"The equivalent appendix would be like, 'This is a gun. Guns are unsafe. Please do not point them at your face,'" Shachtman said.

The manual explains how dependent the military and civil society have become on computer networks for communication, banking, manufacturing controls and the distribution of utilities.

It also outlines the vulnerabilities of the Internet, including the relatively low cost of computers that could give an adversary a way to block, manipulate, damage or destroy a network.

It describes a 2005 incident when a hacker or hackers got access to personal information of more than 37,000 Air Force personnel.

The manual points out that much of the Internet's hardware and software are produced and distributed by private vendors in other countries who "can be influenced by adversaries to provide altered products that have built-in vulnerabilities, such as modified chips."

Defending the entire U.S. military network is unnecessary and probably impossible, the manual says. Just as the Air Force doesn't try to defend every square mile of airspace around the globe, it won't try to defend the whole of cyberspace.

"Whether used offensively or defensively ... conducting particular cyberspace operations may require access to only a very small 'slice' of the domain," the manual says. Overall U.S. military cyberwarfare operations will be the job of the U.S. Cyber Command, which began limited operations in May. It will have components from the Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines.

The Air Force component the 24th Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas is part of the Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

Lewis said the Cyber Command had a hand in the content of the Air Force manual.

"I see it as the first step in assigning special missions to the services. It's a division of labor among the services," he said.

The Marine Corps' cyberspace operation document is still in development, a spokeswoman said. Army and Navy officials didn't immediately respond to Associated Press questions about their planning. □

## Sony Walkman Cassette Player Dies In Japan, Lives On in U.S.

**Ian Paul**

The Sony Walkman cassette player took one step closer to the grave on Monday when Sony announced it would stop selling the portable music player in Japan. The company stopped manufacturing the cassette playing Walkman for the Japanese market in April, and says it is selling through the end of its Japanese stock now. Cassette lovers in the U.S., however, have nothing to fear. Sony said it will continue to manufacture the aging portable music player in China for overseas markets, including the U.S., according to the Associated Press.

The Walkman isn't the only piece of legacy tech to get the boot from Sony in recent months. The electronics manufacturer also announced in April it would stop selling 3.5-inch floppy disks in Japan.

### 31 Years Later

Before the Walkman, portable music playing was virtually non-existent with your choices confined to either a small battery-powered AM/FM radio or a large boom box that could typically dry up 6 or 8 D-cell batteries in just a few hours...if you were lucky. It's not hyperbole to say the Walkman--and the wave of cassette playing imitators that followed it--was as ubiquitous in the 1980s as the iPod is today. Its influence was so important that PC World in 2005 ranked the Walkman as one of the 50 greatest gadgets in the past 50 years. Interestingly, Sony's announcement for the end of the cassette playing Walkman comes just two days after the iPod celebrated its ninth birthday. Apple launched the original iPod on October 23, 2001.

(Here's a video explaining the history of the

Walkman.)

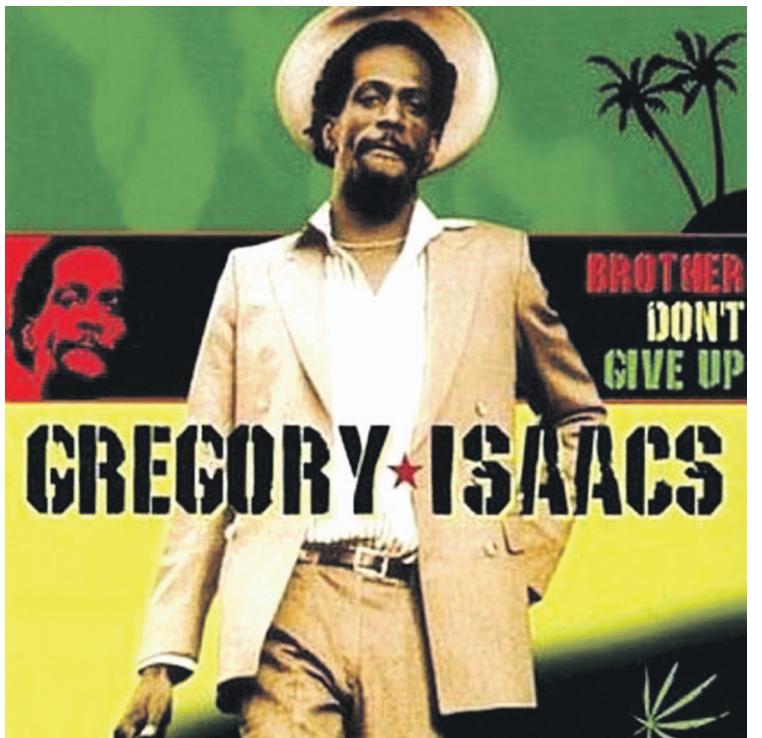
Believe it or not, Best Buy currently sells one model of the cassette-playing Walkman for \$40. The device includes a digital AM/FM radio with 33 station presets, Mega Bass stereo sound, LCD display and a battery life claim of up to 35 hours on 1 AA battery. By comparison, the original 1979 Walkman could only play cassettes and cost \$200. But even at \$40 how much longer can a portable cassette player last in a market where you can buy a no name MP3 player with 1GB of storage for under \$15?

The AP reports that Sony has sold about 220 million Walkman cassette players worldwide since launching the device in 1979. Most of those sales, however, came in the device's first 20 years when Sony announced in 1999 it had sold 186 cassette playing Walkman devices worldwide. That means in the last eleven years, Sony has sold just 34 million portable cassette players. Apple, by comparison, sold over 50 million iPod devices for the 2010 financial year.

Whenever Sony's portable cassette player does shuffle off U.S. shelves for the last time, the Walkman name will live on in cell phones and standalone MP3 players such as the Walkman X Series.

But Sony has a long way to go if it wants the Walkman MP3 player to gain the same popularity its cassette player enjoyed during the 1980s. Apple's iPod commanded 77 percent of the MP3 player market in the U.S. between January and July, according to market research firm NPD. Over that same time period, Sony's MP3 players claimed just 2 percent of U.S. users. □

# Jamaican reggae singer Gregory Isaacs dies at 59



A Gregory Isaacs' album cover. The Jamaican reggae star, best known for the 1982 song "Night Nurse", has died at his London home, aged 59, his wife said Monday.

By JILL LAWLESS,  
Associated Press Writer

LONDON — Gregory Isaacs, the Jamaican reggae singer whose smooth style earned him the nickname "Cool Ruler," has died. He was 59. Isaacs' manager, Copeland Forbes, said the singer died

Monday at his London home. Isaacs had been diagnosed with lung cancer a year ago, but continued performing until weeks before his death. His wife Linda said Isaacs was "well-loved by everyone, his fans and his family, and he worked really hard to make

sure he delivered the music they loved and enjoyed." Born in a Kingston, Jamaica slum in 1951, Isaacs began recording in his teens, and went on to produce scores of albums.

With his sinuous baritone and romantic songs, Isaacs became a leading proponent of the mellow "Lovers Rock" style of reggae. He hit his stride in the mid-1970s with ballads like "Love is Overdue" and "All I Have Is Love."

Later that decade he teamed up with the Jamaican production duo of Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare for several hit songs including "Soon Forward" and "What A Feeling."

"Gregory's voice and writing ability was wicked. He was one of those soulful singers you could sit and listen to for hours," Dunbar said Monday. Isaacs was best known internationally for the title song from his 1982 album "Night Nurse," a club favorite which later became a hit for

Simply Red.

His career was stalled by a cocaine habit that landed him in jail on several occasions. Isaacs said ruefully in 2007 that he'd gone to "Cocaine High School ... the greatest college ever, but the most expensive school fee ever paid."

Drug abuse took a toll on

his voice but he kept making music, releasing a well-received final album, "Brand New Me," in 2008. Suggs, lead singer of reggae-influenced British band Madness, said the dapper, fedora-sporting Isaacs was "a great reggae artist and also one of the most sartorially elegant stars on the world stage." □



Bosnian Serb refugee Mara Babic, 72, sits at her small room near photos with Angelina Jolie on a table, inside the collective refugee center in the Bosnian town of Rogatica, 73 kms east of Sarajevo, Bosnia, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. The Babic sisters were among other 15 refugees visited in April 2010 by UNHCR goodwill ambassador Angelina Jolie. Refugees in Rogatica belong to population of 117,000 who were not able to return their homes 15 years after Bosnian war. Refugees in this center after Jolies visit are convinced that things have started moving in terms of getting some donation leading the solving their house problem.

(AP Photo/Amel Emric)

## Celine Dion gives birth to twin boys

By NEKESA MUMBI MOODY,  
AP Music Writer

NEW YORK — Celine Dion has given birth to twin boys, finally realizing her dream of being a mother again after a long struggle to become pregnant.

A statement released by St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., said that the 42-year-old superstar singer delivered the boys Saturday afternoon. One boy weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, while the other weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces. No names have been announced.

Dion and her husband-manager, Rene Angelil, are already the parents of one son, 9-year-old Rene Charles. But Dion had long wanted to have more children, and, like with her first child, she had difficulty becoming pregnant. She has spoken openly about her struggles, undergoing several rounds of in-vitro fertilization. Last year, after information leaked that she was pregnant, she confirmed the news, only to learn that the in vitro procedure was not successful. She had to issue a reversal weeks later.

In an interview earlier this year, Dion said she hoped that by publicly sharing her struggle, she could help others.

"If I help people through my voice, through my interviews, through what I go through, I do not want to change that at all," she said. "I think it's making a difference."

The boys came a month early. Dion was due to deliver next month, but earlier this week, it was announced that she was hospitalized as a precaution to make sure she was near her doctors as she prepared to give birth.

Dion, a five-time Grammy winner who has sold tens of millions of albums, announced earlier this year that she would be returning to Las Vegas for a three-year run at Caesar's Palace. She had a hugely successful five-year run in Las Vegas that ended in 2007. □



FILE - In this Feb. 16, 2010 file photo, Celine Dion, left, poses with her husband Rene Angelil, pose as they arrive for the premiere of the film 'Celine: Through the Eyes of the World' in Miami Beach, Fla. Celine Dion has given birth to twin boys, just days after being hospitalized as a precaution. A statement released from St. Mary's Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Fla., said that the superstar singer delivered the boys Saturday afternoon. One boy weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, while the other weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

(AP Photo/Lynne Sladky, file)

## Bosnian refugees get donation after Jolie's visit

ROGATICA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A U.S. government donation will provide housing for the last 15 people living in a Bosnian refugee camp that movie stars Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt drew attention to by visiting.

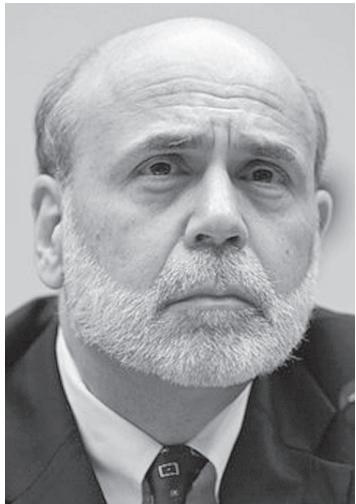
Radomir Jovicic, the mayor of the eastern Bosnian town of Rogatica, said Monday the nearly \$500,000 donation will be used for the construction of an apartment building for the refugees who could move in by September.

Jovicic says he had lobbied for donations for the refugees for years but the Jolie and Pitt visit to the camp in April was the turning point leading to last week's U.S. donation agreement.

Jolie, a UNHCR ambassador, has visited some of the projects of the agency, which helps the 117,000 refugees who were left homeless by fighting in Bosnia, which ended 15 years ago. □

# BUSINESS

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**FILE - In this July 22, 2010 file photo, Chairman of the Federal Reserve Ben Bernanke testifies before the House Financial Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington. Bernanke said Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, federal banking regulators are examining whether mortgage companies cut corners on their own procedures when they moved to foreclose on people's homes.**

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon, file)

By JEANNINE AVERSA,

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Federal banking regulators are examining whether mortgage companies cut corners on their own procedures when they moved to foreclose on people's homes, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said Monday.

Preliminary results of the in-depth review into the practices of the nation's largest mortgage companies are expected to be released next month, Bernanke said in remarks to a housing-finance conference in Arlington, Va.

"We are looking intensively at the firms' policies, procedures and internal controls related to foreclosures and seeking to determine whether systematic weaknesses are leading to improper foreclosures," Bernanke said. "We take violation of proper procedures very seriously," he added.

The central bank's decision adds weight to federal and state investigations into whether banks used flawed documents to foreclose on homeowners.

## Fed boss: Regulators looking into foreclosure mess

Attorneys general in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia are jointly investigating whether paperwork and legal procedures were handled properly. At the federal level, the Treasury Department's Office of the Comptroller of the Currency last month asked seven big banks to examine their foreclosure practices. The OCC and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. are also working with the Fed on its examination.

In addition to probing the banks handling of foreclosure documents, Fed staffers and other federal agencies are evaluating the potential effects of the foreclosure debacle on the real-estate market and on financial institutions, Bernanke said.

The Federal Reserve oversees

bank holding companies — typically Wall Street's biggest banks — including Citigroup, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase & Co., and Wells Fargo. The inquiries come as Bank of America and Ally Financial Inc.'s GMAC Mortgage have resumed processing foreclosures, after halting them temporarily to review documents. Both lender face allegations that employees signed but didn't read foreclosure documents that may have contained errors. Other companies, including PNC Financial Services Inc. and JPMorgan, have halted tens of thousands of foreclosures after similar practices became public.

The federal agencies have a range of options at their disposal. They include issuing a "cease and desist" order

requiring a company to stop engaging in a specific practice. They can impose fines on the companies.

Agencies also can take less drastic actions, such as crafting a plan with the company to fix any problems.

Bernanke didn't provide details in his speech.

According to people familiar with the examination, the banking agencies are looking into whether companies had controls in place when foreclosure documents were signed, what procedures were in place to properly handle documents, and whether employees involved in the foreclosure process were adequately trained.

Dubious mortgage practices

and lax lending standards

were blamed for contributing

to a housing bubble that

eventually burst and thrust the economy from 2007-2009 into the worst recession since the 1930s. Many Americans took out home loans that they didn't understand and bought homes that they couldn't afford.

As a result, foreclosures have soared to record highs. It's one of the negative forces restraining the economy's ability to get back on sounder footing.

Now more than 20 percent of borrowers owe more than their home is worth, and an additional 33 percent have equity cushions of 10 percent or less, putting them at risk should house prices decline much further, Bernanke said.

"With housing markets still weak, high levels of mortgage distress may well persist for some time to come," Bernanke warned. □

## Stocks climb amid pledge to balance trade

By STEPHEN BERNARD,

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks rose Monday after world finance leaders pledged to better balance global trade.

But with no concrete plans in place to avoid a currency war in the future, the dollar resumed its fall Monday. The weaker dollar is helping drive stocks and commodities higher as the cheaper currency makes them more attractive investments.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose nearly 65 points in afternoon trading. The Dow is again approaching its highest closing level of the year. Stocks extended their gains slightly after a report showed a bigger-than-expected jump in sales of existing homes.

The National Association of Realtors said sales of previously occupied homes rose 10 percent last month. However, sales remain extremely weak compared with where they were just a year ago, which is likely keeping enthusiasm over the news in check. Shaun Ahmad, president of capital markets at mortgage investment firm RoundPoint Financial Group, said anytime sales jump more than expected, it is a positive sign for the housing market. However, he added, expectations are very low right now and "there's a significant housing overhang." Home sales won't climb back to more historical levels until a large inventory of homes can be sold, Ahmad said.

Homebuilders rose after Monday's report, including Toll Brothers Inc. and D.R. Horton Inc. Toll shares rose 11 cents to \$18.51. D.R. Horton rose 16 cents to \$10.77.

The Dow rose 63.92, or 0.6 percent, to 11,196.48 in afternoon trading.



**FILE - In this file photograph taken Oct. 13, 2010, specialists Patrick Murphy, left, and Evan Solomon work at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stock futures are rising Monday, Oct. 25, 2010, after world finance leaders have pledged to better balance global trade in an effort to help drive economic expansion.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

For the second time in the past week, the Dow eclipsed its highest closing level this year only to quickly pullback. It closed at 11,205.03 on April 26. If the Dow can finish above that level Monday, it would be its highest close since September 2008 — just before the credit crisis sent the market tumbling.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.26, or 0.5 percent, to 1,189.34, while the Nasdaq composite index rose 17.59, or 0.7 percent, to 2,496.98.

Bond prices rose slightly, sending interest rates lower. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, fell to 2.54 percent from 2.56 percent late Friday. □

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## Radiation Before Surgery May Prevent Return of Rectal Cancer

Patients who receive radiation before surgery for rectal cancer are about 50 percent less likely to experience a return of their cancer, a new Dutch study has found.

Local recurrence -- the return of cancer to the original tumor site and surrounding area -- is a major problem in the treatment of rectal cancer patients, explained the researchers from Leiden University Medical Center in the Netherlands.

This recurrence often occurs in lymph nodes in the mesorectum, which is fatty tissue near the rectum. That's why many patients undergo a surgical procedure called total mesorectal excision (TME), which removes the entire mesorectum and lymph nodes, the study authors explained.

The researchers found that radiation treatment before surgery cuts the risk of cancer recurrence after 10 years by about half.

The study included more than 1,800 rectal cancer patients scheduled for TME. They were randomly

selected to receive short-term radiation before surgery or surgery alone. Ten years after treatment, the risk of local cancer recurrence was 6 percent in the radiation/surgery group and 11 percent in the surgery-alone group, the investigators reported. The findings are to be presented Nov. 1 at the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) annual meeting, in San Diego.

"We believe that this short course of radiation will open a new window of opportunities in the treatment of rectal cancer," study author and radiation oncologist Dr. Corrie Marijnen said in an ASTRO news release.

She added that the "study suggests that tumors in the middle rectum and stage III rectal cancer patients will most greatly benefit from receiving radiation before surgery."

"Time is an important advance in the surgical management of rectal carcinoma. Unfortunately, the complexity of the anatomy involved is such

that even with expert surgery, there are still patients who will experience recurrence of their cancer in the pelvic region, compromising their survival and markedly impairing the quality of their life," explained Dr. Bernadine Donahue, vice chair and clinical director of radiation oncology at Maimonides Cancer Center in New York City.

"The large Dutch experience has helped identify which subsets of patients will benefit from preoperative radiation therapy as a means of decreasing the risk of local recurrence. In the Dutch trial, an intense short course of radiation therapy was delivered prior to surgery. This clearly improved tumor control and that is good news," Donahue noted. "However, most North American facilities deliver [an] equivalent amount of radiation packaged as smaller amounts daily over a longer period of time to decrease the likelihood of long-term toxicity. It remains to be seen what the long-term side effects of the Dutch approach will be." □

## Arteries of Obese Kids Aging Prematurely: Study

The arteries of obese children have a degree of stiffness normally seen in adults with heart disease, according to a new study.

Canadian researchers evaluated 63 obese children, average age 13, and 55 normal weight children. The obese children had abnormal results on an ultrasound test of the heart and blood vessels that measured how fast blood flowed through the body.

Of special note was stiffness of the aorta -- the body's largest artery, which carries oxygen-rich blood to all the other arteries. "The normal aorta has elastic qualities that buffer the flow of blood. When that elasticity is lost, aortic stiffness results -- a sign of developing cardiovascular disease," said study author Dr. Kevin Harris, from BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, in a Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada news release. "Aortic stiffness is associated with cardiovascular events and early death."

It's as if the aging process has been accelerated in the aortas of obese children, he added.

Future research should examine whether arterial stiffness in obese children can be reversed with treatment such as improved diet and exercise, Harris said.

The study findings, to be presented Monday at the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress, are alarming, said Heart and Stroke Foundation spokeswoman Dr. Beth Abramson.

"We know there is an association between unhealthy lifestyles and heart disease," she said in the news release. "Our kids are at risk. Poor nutrition and inactivity are threatening their health and well-being. We must rethink the lifestyle standards we have accepted as a society to protect the future health of our kids."

## Drugmakers top list of DOJ fraud settlements

WASHINGTON — In the 1990s, the pharmaceutical industry repeatedly was named the most profitable industry in the world. More than a decade later, the industry tops a more dubious list: the No. 1 source of fraud-related settlements with the Department of Justice, an advocacy group says.

Pharmaceutical companies made up eight of the government's top 10 settlements related to fraud in the last year, according to the advocacy group Taxpayers Against Fraud Education Fund. An insurer and a hospital chain filled out the list. Topping the list was specialty drugmaker Allergan Inc. which paid out \$600 million to settle allegations that it marketed the anti-wrinkle injection Botox for unapproved uses. Trailing just behind was AstraZeneca, which paid \$520 million over allegations it inappropriately

marketed its psychiatric drug Seroquel. Other companies in the top 10 include Novartis Pharmaceuticals, Forest Laboratories and Teva Pharmaceuticals. Drug companies are permitted to market drugs only for uses that have been approved by the FDA. In recent years the Department of Justice has increasingly pursued cases of so-called off-label marketing by pharmaceutical companies, reaching record-setting settlements with Pfizer Inc. and Eli Lilly & Co. As more baby boomers become eligible for Medicare, the government is spending more on prescription drugs, attracting scrutiny from government investigators.

Overall, the group estimates that in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 1, government prosecutors collected \$3.1 billion under the False Claims Act, which allows the government to collect

damages reported by private citizens. In many cases, the alleged fraud is reported by company whistleblowers, who are eligible to receive between 15 percent and 30 percent of the total sum collected by the government. The group advocates for whistleblowers and their attorneys who report fraud to the federal government. Approximately 80 percent of the \$3.1 billion collected last year came from health care companies, including insurers and hospitals, according to Taxpayers Against Fraud. Despite the slew of payouts by drugmakers in recent years, some lawyers and public health advocates say steeper penalties are needed to curb industry behavior. They point out that for drugs like Seroquel — which generate billions of dollars annually — a multimillion dollar penalty represents just a fraction of total sales. □

# After the Midterms: Why Democrats Move to the Center, and Republicans Don't

Robert Reich

If Republicans succeed in taking over the House and come even close to gaining a majority in the Senate, expect calls for the president to "move to the center." These will come not only from Republicans but also from conservative Democrats, other prominent Democrats who have been defeated, Fox Republican News, mainstream pundits, and White House political advisers.

After the 1994 midterm, when Democrats lost the House and Senate, Bill Clinton was told to "move to the center." He obliged by hiring the pollster Dick Morris, declaring the "era of big government is over," abandoning much of his original agenda, and making the 1996 general election about nothing more than V-chips in televisions and school uniforms.

It happened in the 1978 midterm when Democrats lost ground and Jimmy Carter was instructed to "move to the center." He obliged by firing his entire cabinet, apologizing for the errors of his ways, and making the 1980 general election about absolutely nothing.

Oddly, though, after Republicans suffer losses in the first midterms they pay no attention to voices telling them to move to the center. If anything, Ronald Reagan and the two Bushes moved further right.

Could it be that Republican presidents understand a few things Democrats don't? For example:

There is no "center" to American politics. The "center" is merely what most people tell pollsters they think or want at any given time. Trying to move to the center by following polls means giving up on leadership because you can't lead people to where they already are.

By the first midterm the public is almost always grouchy because the president wasn't a messiah and didn't change the world. No single president has that kind of power. The higher the expectations for change at the start of an administration, the greater the disillusionment.

Presidents' parties always lose the first midterm elections because the President isn't on the ticket, and the opposing party has had time to regroup and refuel. It's always easier for the party on the outs to attack -- and to mass troops for the assault -- than for the party inside to defend.

The economy trumps everything else, even though presidents

aren't really responsible for it. So when it's bad -- as it was during the first midterms of Carter, Reagan, and Clinton -- voters penalize the president's party even more than usual. When it's very bad, the electoral penalty is likely to be that much larger.

Why are Democratic presidents so much more easily intimidated by the "move to the center" rhetoric after midterm losses than Republican presidents?

Because Democrats think in terms of programs, policies, and particular pieces of legislation. It's easy to reverse course by compromising more and giving up on legislative goals. Bill Clinton never mentioned the words "health care reform" after the 1994 midterms.

Republicans think in terms of simple ideas, themes, and movements. It's far harder to reverse course on these (look what happened to the first George Bush when he raised taxes), and easier to keep them alive: Republican presidents just continue looking for opportunities to implement them.

Republicans are also more disciplined (ask yourself which party attracts authoritarian personalities and which attracts anti-authoritarians). This makes it easier for them to stay the course. Their base continues to organize and fulminate even after midterm defeats. Democrats, on the other hand, are less organized. Electoral defeats tend to fracture and dissipate whatever organization they have.

Republicans are cynical about politics from the jump. Political cynicism fuels them. Democrats are idealistic about politics. When they become cynical they tend to drop out.

Message to Obama: Whatever happens November 2, don't move to the center. Push even harder for what you believe in. Message to Democrats: Whatever happens, keep the courage of your conviction and get even more active. □



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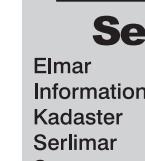
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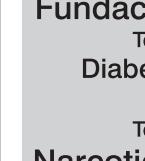
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# NASA: Huge Science Balloon Crashed Because of Human Complacency

Complacency in a variety of forms led to the April crash of a huge NASA science balloon carrying a multimillion-dollar telescope in the Australian outback, according to a new report released on Friday, Oct. 22nd.

A NASA Mishap Investigation Board has concluded that weather conditions were acceptable for the failed balloon launch on April 29, and there were no technical problems with the balloon or its scientific payload, a \$2 million gamma-ray telescope. However, the board identified 25 different human-caused factors that led to the spectacular crash.

Most of these causes were related to shortcomings in risk analysis, contingency planning, personnel training, technical knowledge, government oversight and public safety accommodations, according to NASA officials.

"First, the [NASA] Balloon Program has been operating under an underlying assumption that the risks to the public only exist in the overflight of populated areas," the report states. "This assumption has led to a very limited view of the hazards and their associated targets involved in launching balloons. Next, the decades of successful balloon launches under a tight budget have led to complacency and a sense that performance of safety and technical measures can be



**Project personnel inspect damage following a NASA scientific balloon launch mishap on April 28 at the Alice Springs Balloon Launching Center, near the town of Alice Springs, Australia. No injuries were reported. NASA is convening an investigation board.**

relaxed under the guise of risk acceptance."

Astronomy experiment came crashing down

NASA attempted to launch the immense, 400-foot (121-meter) balloon from a site in Alice Springs in Australia's Northern Territory. But the balloon didn't make it very far.

Just as the balloon started to rise, the gondola for its scientific payload — the University of California at Berkeley's Nuclear Compton Telescope — came loose. The telescope then fell and was dragged 450 feet (137 meters),

crashing through a fence and overturning a nearby parked car before finally coming to a stop.

No one was injured in the crash, but the telescope was partially destroyed, NASA officials said. The instrument was going to look for distant galaxies from about 120,000 feet (36,576 meters) up in Earth's atmosphere.

NASA balloon launches suspended

Immediately after the crash, launch operations at all of NASA's balloon sites were suspended. NASA's Balloon

Program Office plans to resume launches once it has implemented and verified new procedures to safeguard launch crews and the public, agency officials said.

"There is no question in our minds that balloon launches are fragile processes," said mishap board leader Michael Weiss, of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, in a statement. "In the course of our investigation, we found surprisingly few documented procedures for balloon launches. No one considered the launch phase to be a potential hazard." □

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The purpose of the investigation was to discover what caused the mishap and provide recommendations to help prevent similar accidents in the future. The board listed 44 recommendations regarding the need for better communication; more robust range and ground safety plans and procedures; and better understanding of potentially unsafe conditions that can lead to accidents, officials said. "We have learned a lot from this incident, and we'll have a better balloon program because of it," said Rob Strain, Goddard Space Flight Center director. □

## How Do Scientists Know a Volcano Is About to Erupt?

**Remy Melina,**  
Mount Merapi in Indonesia is expected to erupt at any moment, and Indonesian government officials have begun to evacuate the people living in villages near the volcano. The volatile mountain's last eruption was in 2006, and two people were killed when a plume of scorching gas, rocks and volcanic ash spewed down its slopes, according to the NASA Earth Observatory. Officials from the island of Java, where Mount Merapi is located, told news sources they predict lava to spill over the southern side of the mountain. Volcanic earthquakes, an increase in seismic activity and swelling of the ground around the volcano have caused Indonesian officials to raise the alert on Merapi to level three, with four being the maximum alert level. What are the signs that a volcano is about to erupt? While volcanoes may give off several warning signs they are about to blow, some are taken more seriously by volcanologists, who alert and advise government officials regarding when evacuations need to take place. "These signs may include very small earthquakes beneath the volcano, slight inflation, or swelling, of the volcano and increased emission of heat and gas from vents on the volcano," said U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Volcano Hazards Program coordinator John Eichelberger. □

*En Chile:*

# Mineros recibidos como héroes en el palacio de gobierno

SANTIAGO DE CHILE (AP) - Una multitud ovacionó el lunes en el frontis del palacio de La Moneda a los 33 mineros rescatados de un socavón, momentos después que fueron recibidos por el presidente Sebastián Piñera, y poco antes de disputar un partido de fútbol contra un equipo presidencial.

Era la primera vez que los mineros, rescatados desde el fondo de una mina en la que permanecieron 69 días sepultados a 700 metros de profundidad, entraban a la sede de gobierno.

También fueron condecorados los seis rescatistas que descendieron hasta el fondo del mineral para preparar a los mineros para el ascenso de retorno a la superficie.

Piñera dijo durante su discurso que "no vamos a dejar nunca más a ningún chileno atrás", y reiteró que "en estos días vamos a anunciar un nuevo trato" con los trabajadores, no sólo con los mineros.

Treinta y uno de los 33 se presentaron de terno y corbata, y muchos lucían los anteojos oscuros regalados por Oakley, que los distingue y hace lucir como estrellas de rock. Uno usó una camisa manga larga y otro, el extrovertido Mario Sepúlveda, un traje de huaso, la vestimenta típica del campo chileno.

En nombre de los mineros habló el topógrafo Luis Urzúa, jefe de turno al momento del derrumbe que los sepultó el



El presidente de Chile Sebastián Piñera abraza al minero Luis Urzúa, derecha, durante un acto especial en la sede de gobierno en Santiago, Chile, el lunes 25 de octubre de 2010, en que el gobierno homenajeó a los 33 mineros rescatados desde el fondo de una mina en el que permanecieron atrapados 69 días. (AP Photo/Roberto Candia)

pasado 5 de agosto.

"El trabajo fue arduo, fueron días de mucho dolor y pena", resumió Urzúa la odisea que vivieron atrapados en la mina San José, 850 kilómetros al noreste de Santiago.

En un altar improvisado en el patio de Los Cañones, se veía una imagen de San Lorenzo, el patrono de los mineros, y 32 pequeñas banderas chilenas y una boliviana, en honor al único extranjero, Carlos Mamani.

Piñera y su esposa, Cecilia Morel, y los ministros de Minería, Laurence Golborne,

y de Salud, Jaime Mañalich, se alternaron para entregar a cada minero la medalla del Bicentenario, una réplica en miniatura de la cápsula que

los devolvió a la superficie y una bandera.

Ante unos 200 invitados, el mandatario destacó la valentía de los mineros y la fe, coraje

y amor de sus familias que se mantuvieron los 69 días en un improvisado campamento de carpas y toldos, en medio del polvo y las piedras, esperando que sus parientes fueran rescatados.

"Yo le decía a mi mujer que si ella me quisiera la mitad de lo que ustedes quieren a sus maridos, me sentiría el hombre más feliz del mundo", dijo Piñera en medio de las carcajadas de los presentes, y cuando se disponía a seguir con su discurso, su esposa, Cecilia Morel, le dijo algo en voz baja al mandatario.

Piñera sonriente y un poco sonrojado, dijo que la Primera Dama le indicó que "si yo me sumerjo a 700 metros ella me puede demostrar que me quiere tanto como a ustedes (los quieren).

Al finalizar el acto, los mineros fueron conducidos hasta el exterior del palacio, donde centenares de personas los aplaudían y se empujaban para acercarse a las rejas que los separaban de los mineros. □

## Dominicana implementa plan para impedir propagación del cólera

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - El gobierno dominicano y la OPS implementaron el lunes un plan de emergencia para tratar de impedir la propagación del cólera desde el vecino Haití.

"Estamos alerta ante cualquier caso sospechoso de cólera", dijo a la AP el médico Víctor Pascasio Moya, director del hospital público de la ciudad fronteriza de Dajabón, a unos 300 kilómetros al noroeste de la capital. Detalló que todos los centros de salud de la frontera fueron abastecido con sueros, soluciones hidratantes y antibióticos, pero al carecer de un laboratorio especializado, debe enviar muestras de casos sospechosos a la capital.

Aseguró que no se ha reportado ningún caso de posible cólera en Dajabón, por donde pasa un gran flujo de migrantes haitianos y donde se celebra los lunes y viernes el mayor de los

mercados fronterizos.

El ministerio de Salud ha insistido que la epidemia de cólera en Haití, que comparte con República Dominicana una frontera de 354 kilómetros, representa un peligro inminente para este país.

El ministro de Salud, Bautista Rojas, ordenó el lunes la suspensión temporal de los mercados fronterizos, mientras la Dirección de Migración impide en todos los pasos fronterizos el ingreso de personas provenientes de Haití que viajen con productos alimenticios. Personal de la OPS y del Colegio Médico Dominicano visitarán todos los centros sanitarios del país para capacitar en materia de cólera a los galenos y al personal de salud. El ministerio de Salud solicitó a las autoridades de Educación prohibir la venta de alimentos en los alrededores de las escuelas. □

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